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AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAM GRAND THEATER—Tonight at 8:15 o'clock, Mr. Paul Gilmore, in "The Tyranny of Tears."

THE BAKER THEATER—Tonight at 8:15, Neill Stock Company in "The Little Minister."

CORDRAY'S THEATER—Tonight at 8:15, Miss Fannie Curtis, in "Down by the Sea."

MANY STATES OF REPAIR.—To the pedestrian who walks up Seventh street from Glisan to Taylor at present that thoroughfare presents a somewhat remarkable panorama, ever changing, never new, as it were, but giving promise of better things. From Glisan to Everett streets the condition is much the same as in many other streets. The macadam improvement is badly worn, the sidewalks dilapidated in places and repaired in others, the general appearance indicating urgent necessity for an entirely new improvement. The block between Everett and Davis streets at the rear of the Custom-House has just been graded and is ready to receive a concrete foundation for the stone-block pavement, long overdue, and soon to be laid and continued on to Glisan street. Between Davis and Burnside streets the concrete foundation for the stone-block pavement is completed and is covered with piles of the stone blocks, dilapidated cement barrels and rubbish, looking like the backyard of a place where pavements are manufactured for sale by the mile. From Burnside to Ankeny streets there is a hiatus where buildings have been removed preparatory to widening and strengthening the street, which will probably be accomplished in time. From Ankeny to Alder streets the macadam improvement is badly worn and the wooden sidewalks and curbs are far gone in decay and general dilapidation. Between Alder and Yamhill streets the concrete foundation for the coming asphalt pavement is completed and hedged about with empty cement barrels and barricades, and from Yamhill to Taylor the concrete foundation is covered with a fine looking binder course of finely broken rock, mixed with asphalt and rolled smooth and solid ready for the wearing surface of asphalt. When this is completed it will form the beginning of the end of improving the street, and when the asphalt is completed to Burnside and the stone-block pavement to Glisan the property-owners will have cause for rejoicing and should join in a picnic and banquet in celebration of the event.

BLACK WALNUT TREES.—Few of the thousands of persons who have passed Barlow station on the line of the Southern Pacific Railroad, about nine miles south of Oregon City, have failed to notice the two rows of magnificent black walnut trees lining the finest avenue in the state, which leads to the residence of William Barlow, in whose honor the station was named. They are the oldest and finest trees of the kind on the Coast. Mr. Barlow was in Portland a few days ago, and when asked by a friend how he came to have those rows of trees and how old they were, gave the following explanation: He came to Oregon in 1845, having no idea that he would find nut-bearing trees here the same as he had been accustomed to at home. When he found that this was not the case, he sent back for a bushel of black walnuts, which arrived in due time, and cost him delivered here $65. There were 665 of the nuts, and his friends laughed at him, but he said he would come out even on them. He planted them in boxes, and 600 of them grew. When they were a year old he sold enough to bring $900, besides giving away a number. He kept about 50 and planted them in 1858 and they now line the avenue to his residence. One of them is nearly four feet in diameter, and he could get $50 for it if he would cut it down. The black walnut grows well in Oregon, and there are now many here, but none which surpass those on Mr. Barlow's avenue. Mr. Barlow only wishes he had planted more.

TWO KINDS OF BOUQUETS.—A man, evidently a mechanic, accompanied by his wife stopped to look at the display in front of a market Saturday afternoon. The woman's attention was attracted by a large dish filled with bouquets of violets, which loaded the air with their fragrance. They were labeled 25 cents each, and the woman said: "I should like to have one of these." Near by was another kind of bouquet in the form of a beautiful Savoy cabbage two feet across, which also loaded the air with its fragrance. "I would rather have the cabbage," said the man, but he bought a bunch of violets and handed them to his wife. She at once bought the cabbage for him, saying: "There is your bouquet, my dear, but where, oh, where, is the corned beef that goes along with it?" He went into the market and bought a large piece of corned beef, and their poetical and practical longings being satisfied, they went home content.

FAVORABLE WEATHER FOR BUILDING.—The weather has been more favorable for building operations since the beginning of the new year. Last week bricklayers were able to work all day, every day. George Langford, who had 14 men laying brick on the Weinhard block, says they did not lose a minute during the week, and he wants to know what is the matter with the climate where work can be carried on in this style during the first week in the year. There can be nothing better anywhere, and there are but few places in this country where it could be done. The third story of the block will be completed tomorrow, and the timbers for the fourth-story floor are already in place in the west half of the building. The prospects appear favorable for a continuance of fine weather.

WILL LAST SOME TIME YET.—Work has been going on through all the bad weather, on the First-street bridge across Marquam's Gulch, and the Willamette Heights bridge across Balch's Gulch. Both jobs have proved more extensive than was expected, and bad weather has tended to make the work go slowly. It is expected, however, that Willamette Heights bridge will be opened to travel in 10 days at most, and the First-street bridge about the same time. They will both be in as good shape as it is possible to place such old structures, and City Engineer Elliott says they will be all right for a couple of years, and perhaps longer.

ARE PAYING THE PENALTY.—The clerks and bookkeepers at Everding & Farrell's say that since the fact that they were worked by a bunco man was published in The Oregonian every one of their friends who has come into the store has said: "Why don't you send my coops home?" and "Father wants the balance due him on those chickens." They have become tired of this and have had the windows washed so that they can see the bunco men coming in future. The next one who swindles them will be paid a premium.

NUN DIES OF HEART FAILURE.—Sister Mary Mount Carmel, in the world Miss Emma Duhamel, died of heart failure at St. Mary's Academy and College at 5:50 P. M. yesterday. The deceased nun was in the 61st year of her age and 41st year of her religious profession. The funeral services will take place at the convent chapel on January 13. The remains will be conveyed to St. Paul, Or., by boat at 7 A. M.

PROGRESS ON DRYDOCK.—R. Wakefield says work is progressing very favorably on the drydock being built for the Port of Portland. He has about 50 men employed and one of the five pontoons is about half done and another one-fourth done. More rapid progress will be made when Spring comes, and the dock will be completed on time.

TRY Guinean's Remedy; it is unexcelled.

F. W. BALTES & Co., linotypers, printers.

WISE BROS., dentists, The Failing.

HIS CHICKENS WILL NOT LAY.—So many members of the legal fraternity invest a part of their surplus cash in farms, dairies, chicken ranches, hopyards, etc., these days that occasionally one of them strikes a snag in the shape of something that he cannot control or regulate. One of them who has an extensive flock of chickens yesterday called at The Oregonian office to ask why it was that his hens did not lay. He said he had over 100 pullets that ought to be laying now, and he had not received a single egg yet, while his neighbor's chickens were producing a bountiful supply. He was told that perhaps he did not feed his poultry enough, and he replied that he furnished them liberally with wheat, scraps of meat, green vegetables, bone dust, powdered oyster shells, dried blood, lime, water and all things that poultry required. What made it more aggravating was the fact that last year his chickens were producing plenty of eggs, and some had stolen nests and had hatched out broods of young ones by this time, while his neighbor's chickens were doing nothing. It was explained to him that his neighbor's chickens were now evening up things and it was the off year for his flock, but this did not pacify him. If any expert in the poultry business can inform him how to make chickens lay when they do not want to, the lawyer will be obliged for the information.

NEW KIND OF CORNER.—A new kind of sidewalk corner is to be tried on Seventh street, at the intersection of Hoyt. It is known as the quarter-circle corner. the curve beginning 12 feet from the corner, so as to cut off more of the sidewalk and leave more space for vehicles passing around the corner. When the spur of the City & Suburban Railway Company was built from Glisan street down Seventh to Hoyt and beyond, the surface of the street was so crowned that it is very difficult for teamsters to drive around the corner into Seventh street without the hind wheels of their trucks dropping into the gutter and smashing catch-basin covers. At one of the corners a stout post has been set in the street to keep the trucks off the catch basin, but the iron cover is broken to pieces all the same. E. H. Wemme, who owns the property on one of the corners, has secured permission to have the corner of the sidewalk changed to a quarter circle corner, which will be the first of the kind in the city. The change will afford more space for vehicles to turn the corner in, but will perhaps not be agreeable to pedestrians. If the scheme is found to work well, it is probable that other corners will be changed in the same way. One man was heard to say that all the corners in the city should be quarter circles.

CUTTING DOWN THE TREES.—The large cottonwood trees at the corner of Fifth and Salmon streets, from a limb of which Lineman William Castleman dropped a distance of 40 feet to the ground a few days ago, was felled yesterday morning. Several men worked on it most of the day Saturday, cutting off the top, and excavating and cutting the roots. A little more work yesterday morning and a strong pull on a rope brought it down with a crash which split the trunk in two. The tree, which was about 80 feet in height and nearly three feet in diameter, was planted by William Braden in 1853, when he was keeping a grocery on that corner. It has in its time dropped hundreds of bushels of leaves about the corner, and has now cost ten times as much as it is worth to get it removed, besides nearly causing the death of Castleman. Mr. Broden says this is a warning to him not to set out any more cottonwood trees along the streets. The men who removed this tree will in a day or two remove an old ivy-entwined tree trunk from in front of Mrs. Charleston's residence, at Thirteenth and Morrison streets. The trunk has become decayed and threatens to fall over against the house, and so will have to be removed. The present owners will have to pay for the ornamentation it has been for many years.

THOUGHT SHACK WAS TUMBLING DOWN.—Two citizens passing down Washington street Saturday noticed several men struggling to get a heavy iron-bound box out of the most dilapidated, disreputable-looking carpenter shop in the city, near the corner of First street. "Let's give 'em a hand," said one spectator. "The building must be going to fall and they are moving out." They lifted and tugged and got out the box, which was of plank, six feet long and four feet square, strapped with iron, and with a wire netting cover, cut in the sidewalk. Then one of them asked what the box was for. The carpenter said it was for a bird man to keep fish in. "That is singular," replied the citizen as he helped boost it into an express wagon. "I thought the building was tumbling down, and you were moving out." "Well, the building is tumbling down, but we shan't move out till it tumbles." Then the two helpful citizens walked away thinking.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETS.—Beginning with tomorrow the State Horticultural Society will hold its regular annual meeting in the Workman Hall. All those interested in the cultivation of fruits and flowers are invited to the meeting, which will be held both mornings and afternoons. J. R. Cardwell, the president of the association, and Hon. E. L. Smith, of Hood River, will be among the most prominent speakers. Other horticulturalists throughout the state will speak on interesting topics. Among the papers are: "The Walnut in Oregon," by W. K. Newell; "Neglected Opportunities," by J. R. Shepard; "Prune Drying and Associated Effort," by L. M. Gilbert; "My Experience With Small Fruits," by C. H. Welsh; "The Strawberry," by E. Hofer; "Our Insect Foes," by Professor A. B. Cordley, of the Oregon Agricultural College; "A Suggestion," by E. R. Lake; "Ornamentals," by J. B. Pilkington.

NO FANCY COOKING FOR HER.—A housekeeper, who says she has a family of four big, hearty boys and two girls to cook for, says she tried the styles of cooking smelt as advocated in the School of Domestic Science, by stuffing them with chopped onions, and also by pinning them into rings with toothpicks, but that while the fish were very nice, the styles are impracticable for her, as it would take her all day to stuff enough smelt for one meal for her family. When she pinned them into rings two of her boys got choked with the toothpicks, which they would not take time to pull out. She further wants to know why these little fish are called "smelt." It is understood that this name was given on account of a peculiar odor the fish have, something like that of a cucumber. Fancy styles of cooking are not intended for use in large families of hearty eaters.

SOCIALIST MEET.—The first of a series of socialist meetings was held at the Eagles' Hall last night. Meetings will be held hereafter every Sunday evening. T. E. Latimer, editor of a socialistic paper known as the Liberator, gave the address of the evening. A number of the members expressed their views on the topics of the day and the mighty power of capital. The socialists are growing in numbers in Portland and believe that these meetings will bring their cause before the people in a way that will make them understood.

ONTARIO SENDS $25.—Colonel Robert W. Mitchell, of the Clark testimonial sword fund, yesterday received a check for $25 fom the people of Ontario, Or., to go toward the Clark sword. The check was signed and the collection at Ontario undertaken by Hon. E. H. Test, Joint Representative from Harney and Malheur Counties, and Colonel Mitchell says he is justly proud of the showing made by the Eastern Oregon town, sending as it did as much as cities of 20 times its size in the Willamette Valley.

STEAMER Sue H. Elmore leaves Astoria for Tillamook Wednesday, January 14.

WHERE TO DINE.

Substantial steaks, fine coffee, elegant desserts, Portland Restaurant, 305 Wash.

High-Grade Pianos for Rent.

Sold on easy installments. Pianos tuned and repaired. H. Sinsheimer, 72 Third st.

AT THE THEATERS

"The Little Minister."

Gavin Dishart	George Allson
Lord Rintoul	William Bernard
Captain Halliwell	William Lamp
Lady Babbie	Cathrine Countiss
Felice	Lillian Rhoads
Thwaites	Wade Rhine
Thomas Whammond	Fred Mower
Rob Dow	Bennett Southard
Micah Dow	Elsie Esmond
Sneeky Hobart	Howard Russell
Andrew Marlmeker	Robert Siddle
Silva Tosh	Thomas Delaney
Sergeant Davidson	Albert Mann
Joe Cruickshank	Wade Rhine
Nannie Webster	Mina Gleason
Jean	Elspeth Graham McNeill

A beautifully finished study of "The Little Minister," dramatized from the story of the same name by J. M. Barrie, with new scenery and specially selected Scotch costumes, was presented by the Neill Stock Company at Baker's Theater yesterday afternoon and evening. Large audiences were present and they liberally applauded the play and gave the company many recalls.

As played on the stage, the story necessarily differs in a few details from that told in the book. There is no "Wearyward," the policeman who disgraced himself in the eyes of the Thrums community because he accepted a position as "the police;" nor is there the romantic wedding over the tongs in the gypsy encampment during a storm of thunder and lightning, as narrated in the story. But in the main, all the charming word pictures, character studies and love-making between a minister of the kirk and a "puir" gipsy lass who turns out to be Lord Rintoul's adopted daughter, and other Thrums folk, are faithfully and charmingly portrayed.

Much interest was naturally manifested in George Allson, who acted the part of the "Little Minister," and in so doing made his initial bow as new leading man in the company. Mr. Allson has a pleasantly modulated voice and is an actor of considerable ability. He did not rant—he was ever the quiet, unimpassioned Rev. Gavin Dishart, to whom love for the Egyptian came in an unsought moment. When he is more at home and used to his surroundings, he will be seen at his best. The central figure of all is Miss Cathrine Countiss, "Lady Babbie," as willful a little aristocrat as ever walked, but when occasion calls for it, a dancing, singing, reckless, gipsy lass with rowan berries in her hair and Scotch tartan in her dress to match her accent. When she floated on the stage to the tune of "The Little Minister Walz," she was met with a storm of applause. She looked the part to the life.

Lillian Rhoads as "Felice," Elspeth Graham McNeil as "Jean, the manse servant," Bennett Southard as "Rab Dow" and Howard Russell as "Snecky Hobart" gave clever studies of high merit. The scenery representing the Auld Kirk and Lord Rintoul's castle, is very artistic. "The Little Minister" will appear at Baker's Theater for the remainder of the week. Manager Baker gave notice that in the future, to insure comfort to his patrons, no children under five years of age will be admitted to the theater. Yesterday two babies cried at critical moments.

"THE TYRANNY OF TEARS."

Paul Gilmore Will Be Seen Tonight in a Clever Comedy.

Tonight at the Marquam Grand Theater the clever young actor, Mr. Paul Gilmore, will be seen in Haddon Chambers' famous comedy, "The Tyranny of Tears." Several years spent starring in romantic dramas like "Don Caesar de Bazan," "Three Musketeers" and "Under the Red Robe" made of Paul Gilmore a matinee idol, but better still, developed him into a capable and finished artist, worthy to stand in the fore front of the younger generation of theatrical stars. The author, a well-known novelist and dramatist, has chosen one of his own fraternity as the leading character of the play, and has drawn a splendid type of man for Paul Gilmore to assume. Nor are the other characters less interesting, and the plot of this comedy is highly amusing and constructed with much skill, so that the auditors are mystified as to the outcome of the play until the final curtain falls on a situation which is a credit to the author, a great opportunity for the players and a pleasure to the audience.

Sale for "The Auctioneer."

Tomorrow (Tuesday) morning at 10 o'clock the advance sale of seats will begin for David Warfield in "The Auctioneer," who comes to the Marquam Grand Theater next Thursday, Friday, Saturday matinee and night.

OLD PORTLAND NEWSBOY

Returns From Arizona to Find the Situation Much Changed.

"Can you tell me what part of the city we are in?" asked a well-dressed middle-aged man, who alighted from a Northern Pacific train at the Union Depot at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning, of a citizen standing at the entrance to the station.

As the fog was so dense that nothing could be seen a block away, the question excited no surprise, and the man was told that the station was in the Northern or lower part of the city.

Just then a newsboy came up and asked, "Want a morning paper, sir?" The stranger took The Oregonian handed to him, gave the boy a dime and looked astonished when a nickel was handed back in change. "Have you a Herald or a Bulletin?" he asked. The boy looked surprised and said: "There are no such papers published here."

"There used to be nearly 30 years ago, for I was a newsboy here then, and used to sell them," said the stranger.

"You must be a back number in reference to Portland," remarked the citizen. "The Herald died in '73 and the Bullstin in '75, and there are few here now who were in any way connected with either of them."

"I left Portland in 1874," said the stranger, "and have never been here since. I have been living in Arizona."

Pulling out a handful of change, he gave the newsboy back the nickel and added a quarter of a dollar to it for luck. "I guess you cannot make so much money as I used to," he said to the boy. I used to sell papers for 10 cents, and if paid 25 cents gave back 10 cents as change. I remember that once a man who was going on board a steamboat handed me a $5 piece in payment for a paper. I had not enough change, and he told me to run up to a saloon and get it. I went as quick as I could, but when I got back to the wharf the boat was 50 feet away, and his friends were laughing at him, but he called back to me: 'Keep the change for your honesty.'"

French Cruiser at Santiago.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Jan. 11.—The French cruiser Tage, with Admiral Rivets, commander of the Atlantic division, on board, arrived today from Fort de France, Martinique. She will remain at Santiago one week, and then go to Havana. Officers of the Tage exchanged calls with officials and foreign Consuls this afternoon. The French cruiser carries a complement of 28 officers and 500 men.

BRINGS CHICAGO NEARER.

Seventy Hours Is the Time East Via "Chicago-Portland Special."

The time between Portland and Chicago via the "Chicago-Portland Special" now is 70 hours, or two hours less than three days. Train leaves every morning at 9:30 o'clock. Inquire O. R. & N. ticket office, Third and Washington.

For a Social Game of Billiards, Parlors, 127 6th, adjoining Oregonian Bdg.

"Down by the Sea."

Blanche Preston	Fannie Curtis
Henry Melford	Elliot Dexter
Dixson Dwight	Walter H. Newman
Abe Elson	Ed Anderson
Hiram Preston	Daniel Reed
Joel Haynes	John M. Stevens
Sandy Webb	Joe Vernotsky
Phineas Locke	Edward Fielding
Josiah Winch	George Mansfield
Lena	Lillian Maye
Agnes	Josephine Sutherland
Edith	Little Josie Stevens

Two large audiences welcomed Phil Hunt's romantic comedy-drama, "Down by the Sea," at Cordray's Theater yesterday afternoon and evening. The company played here January 4, on its way to Seattle, and yesterday it deepened the favorable impression its excellent acting then made.

The entire production was mounted and rehearsed under the direction of Jay Hunt, of the Bowdoin Square Theater, Boston, Mass. At the outset the story was one of English fisher life, and after a profitable run in the old country, the drama was Americanized to portray exciting happenings along the New England Coast, and has not lost in the change of scene. Blanche Preston (Fannie Curtis), Hiram Preston's supposed daughter, is a village belle of considerable attractions, and among her admirers are Henry Melford, a young parson, and Dixson Dwight, who loves not wisely, and is utterly regardless of consequences to his victim. The parson wins the day, however. Hiram Preston, a cruel father, is suddenly called on to pay a mortgage. He robs Henry Melford of his little savings, and is arrested and sent to jail.

Furious because his rival wins the girl, Dwight determines on revenge, and is ably assisted by his crony in villany, one Abe Elson, a Hebrew sport, with an ever glad hand. The second act opens with quicker action, and deals with Rev. Henry Melford, and his wife and baby girl. The latter part is enacted with surprising skill by little Josie Stevens. In her husband's absence, Mrs. Melford is suddenly called on by her father, who has escaped from prison, and he vows at the point of a revolver to kill her or any one else who gives him away to the police. A bogus love letter, supposed to have been written to Mrs. Melford by an unknown admirer, is discovered by the parson-husband, and the result is that he and his wife part for good, while their baby dies. In the fourth act, there is a picturesque storm scene, and Melford is stricken blind by lightning in an effort to catch the villain, who is escaping in a boat. An exciting fight occurs in the last act, and, after a revolver display, villainy is foiled for good, and the Melfords are reunited. Fannie Curtis gave a good representation of the injured wife, and was well supported by Elliot Dexter. The play is clean, stirring and homelike, and will form the attraction at Cordray's for the remainder of the week, with Saturday matinee.

HOW MONEY WAS SPENT

Financial Statement of Boys' and Girls' Aid Society.

Superintendent W. T. Gardner, of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, has prepared the following financial statement to be submitted to the Legislature, showing the receipts and expenditures for the two years ending January 10:

Receipts.

Interest on "bequest fund," including rents	$ 3,927 75
County commitments and contributions	2,065 50
Subscriptions and other items	578 84
State appropriation	5,875 00
Total receipts from all sources	$12,439 09

Disbursements.

Housekeeping account, including fuel and water	$ 1,524 52
Medical account, including hospital bills	613 25
Clothing account, including all dry goods	303 05
Feed account, including food for cows, horse and shoeing	614 70
Labor account, including salaries of employes engaged in caring for children in Receiving Home	2,549 00
Total cost of caring for children while at Receiving Home	$ 6,504 52
Office expense account, including books, stationery and salary of superintendent	$ 3,840 61
Traveling agent's expense account, visiting children placed out in families, including salary and expenses	863 65
Petty disbursements, including all small amounts paid out without warrants	1,347 19
Total cost of placing and visiting children placed in family homes	$ 6,051 45
Improvement account, including new furniture, buildings, etc.	$ 974 94
Burial expenses	40 00
Board of girl outside the Receiving Home	7 40
Amount paid on purchase of two lots adjoining the Receiving Home	440 00
Total cost of improvements and real estate	$ 1,462 34

Recapitulation.

Cash on hand January 1, 1901	$ 1,194 66
Received from all sources	12,439 09
Total receipts	$13,633 75
Paid cost of caring for children at Home $6504 52	
Paid cost of placing and visiting children 6051 45	
Paid cost improvements and real estate 1462 34	
Total disbursements for two years	$13,018 31
Leaves cash on hand January 1, 1903	$ 615 44

Note.—The average number of children on hand daily at the Receiving Home is 38, making the average cost of maintenance for each child per month, $6 02.

The number of children received and placed in family homes being 361 in the two years, makes the average cost of placing and visiting each child about $16 76.

This, as compared with the cost of similar work in Eastern States, is very low, especially when it is to be remembered that a large amount which is included in the item of petty disbursements is used by the superintendent in investigating cases in outside counties.

Children received from January 1, 1901, to December 31, 1902—

Baker	5	Linn	2
Benton	6	Marion	17
Clackamas	11	Morrow	6
Clatsop	8	Multnomah	227
Columbia	2	Polk	1
Coos	3	Sherman	1
Crook	3	Umatilla	4
Douglas	1	Union	4
Grant	3	Wasco	17
Jackson	3	Washington	3
Josephine	6	Yamhill	7
Lake	4		
Lane	12	Total	361
Lincoln	6		

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Annual Meeting of Members Set for Wednesday Night.

The annual meeting of members of the Chamber of Commerce will be held in the rooms of the Commercial Club, eighth floor of the Chamber of Commerce building at 8 o'clock, Wednesday evening. President Mears, Secretary Russell and the transportation committee will submit reports for the year just ended, after which officers and trustees will be elected to serve until January 13, 1904. Following the precedent established last year, the routine business will be brief, and may not occupy more than 30 minutes. As soon as it is disposed of, the annual smoker of the Chamber of Commerce will be held. Refreshments will be served and there will be music by the Spanish Students. Short addresses will be made by well-known men.

The Chamber of Commerce was very successful with its annual meeting last year, when brief and pointed reports and the opportunity of a social meeting with business men brought out a large attendance. The committee of arrangements, consisting of Henry Hahn, Charles F. Beebe and George Taylor, hopes for a large attendance Wednesday night.

MUSIC BOX DRAWING AT GRAVES & CO.'S MUSIC STORE

occurred Saturday night. The music box was won by ticket

No. 3443

held by **Beulah Cauthorn,** 762 E. Burnside St., who will receive the music box upon presenting the coupon, No. 3443, at our store—124 Sixth Street, near Washington.

BILL THAT SHOULD FAIL.

Proposes to Permit Confining Cattle on Cars Forty Hours.

PORTLAND, Jan. 10.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregon Humane Society is in receipt of a circular letter from the president of the Washington (D. C.) Humane Society, saying that an amendment to the law permitting livestock to remain on the cars without food or water for 28 hours has passed the House of Representatives, increasing the time from 28 to 40 hours, and it is feared will become a law unless a speedy and vigorous effort is made to oppose it. In view of these facts, all Humane Societies and humane persons are requested to write to their respective Senators, urging them to be watchful and oppose this bill and use their influence to prevent its becoming a law.

It is not necessary to tell those of our own society, at least, that 28 hours is far too long to keep these animals, under peculiar hardships, without food or water, and that to increase the time to 40 hours will greatly aggravate their suffering and render their flesh unfit for food. The American Humane Association some years ago expended a large sum of money in making a thorough investigation of the methods used in transportation of livestock over the various railroads. The reports of the agents employed revealed a practice of cruelties never before known to the public, and which led to the enactment of the 28-hour law, which the mercenary shipper now insists shall be increased to 40 hours.

A brief statement of the horrid atrocities practiced may tend to arouse a sentiment within the minds of humane people, and lead to the defeat of the bill now before congress. It was found that shippers chartered cars at a given price, and were permitted to crowd them with livestock, principally cattle from Texas, and that all available space might be occupied, in many instances hogs were crowded in underneath. During the transit no food or water was furnished, and often when cattle sank down through sheer exhaustion, the starved and ravenous hogs devoured the cattle by piecemeal, until death relieved their suffering. Yet this was not all. The hogs were trampled upon in turn, arriving at their destination with broken backs and legs, and many dead.

In transportation of cattle by rail a distance of 1000 or 2000 miles, the shrinkage is about 75 pounds per head. Therefore the shipper, to make good this loss, resorts to salting the animal before reaching their destination. Upon their arrival at the stockyards at Chicago and St. Louis, large vats of water are provided, and when the famished, fevered, starved creatures are turned in, they hurry to the water and drink their fill, which means 75 to 100 pounds of water, thus making up in fluid the loss in flesh. The animals are then hurriedly sold and sent to the abattoirs, where they are slaughtered in a fevered and unhealthy condition, and the meat sent to our tables for food. And when unfit for the open market, is purchased by large canning establishments, and sent over the country as choice corned or dried beef, or beef extracts.

The foregoing is but a sketch of the horrid cruelties being perpetrated upon defenseless creatures, and does not end with the death of the unfortunate animals, but spring up in various diseases visited upon innocent and unsuspecting consumers of the flesh of these diseased cattle.

In view of these facts, the appeal is made to the Representatives in Congress, through the various Humane Societies in the United States, urging them to defeat the bill now before that body. Therefore the Oregon Humane Society earnestly requests that the press and friends of our Senators will use their immediate influence in preventing this infamous bill from becoming a law.

W. T. SHANAHAN,
Corr. Secretary Oregon Humane Society.
Phone Black 1731.

PERSONAL MENTION.

A. C. Cogswell, of Burke, Idaho, is at the Perkins.

Walter M. Pierce, of Pendleton, is stopping at the Imperial.

H. M. Rogers, a business man of Spokane, is at the Perkins.

William H. Hampton, a miner of Grant's Pass, is at the Imperial.

George W. Sanborn, a canneryman of Astoria, has rooms at the Portland.

J. C. Tamesie, a real estate dealer of Hillsboro, is a guest at the St. Charles.

W. D. Case, who owns the large sawmill at Pittsburg, has rooms at the St. Charles.

E. L. Hood, president of the Fruitgrowers' Association of Oregon, is stopping at the Imperial.

Gay Lombard, the banker, of Tekoa, Wash., is in town for a few days, and has rooms at the Portland.

Paul Gilmore, the actor, reached town last night, and was greeted by his many friends at the Portland.

C. E. S. Wood, accompanied by his son Maxwell, left for New York last evening by way of San Francisco.

Robert A. Nutler, the well-known attorney, of Oregon City, stopped over in Portland yesterday on his way to Salem.

James Withycombe, in charge of the United States Government experimental station at Corvallis, Or., is at the Imperial.

Robert M. Cody, whose home is in Dubuque, Ia., is in the city for a day or two. He is a lumber dealer, and he wants to purchase a mill near Portland.

John Cort, the well-known theatrical man of Seattle, and general manager of the Northwest Theatrical Association, is in Portland. Mr. Cort is visiting Colonel Heilig, who is president of the same syndicate.

Robert Dollar, controlling a steamship line between Portland and San Francisco, reached town yesterday in time to receive the bad news from Washington. "Oregon has lost a splendid Representative in Congress," he said. "It is a loss that not only the Pacific Coast but the whole Nation will feel.

W. W. Whipple, who owns a large lumber mill at Bucoda, Wash., is a guest for a day or two at the Perkins. He says that the newspaper reports of the damage done by the floods up his way have been greatly exaggerated, and that there was no loss of life at all. "We got our feet wet during the heavy rains," he said, "but that is about all."

Robert W. Jennings, who was Assistant District Attorney under the late John R. Fellows, during the last Tammany administration in New York, reached the city on a late train last night and registered at the Portland. He would not talk politics, except to say: "The recent state election, in which Bird S. Coler, the Democratic nominee, came so near to defeating Odell for Governor, gave us so large a majority in Greater New York that we are sure to name the next Mayor. Mr. Jennings is here en route to Seattle, and has been considerably delayed on his trip.

I. Lang, L. Samuel and M. M. Ringler took an early car yesterday morning for Oregon City, and walked the entire distance returning, via Oswego, covering 14 miles in two hours and 45 minutes. These gentlemen are enthusiasts on physical culture. Mr. Samuel claims that he is in duty bound to do this, because when he recently celebrated his 55th birthday, some of his younger friends expressed a hope that he would live to celebrate his 100th birthday, and he promptly invited them to be present at the celebration. Not wishing to disappoint them by his absence, he has taken up physical culture to enable him to be there.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The following citizens of the Northwest registered today at New York hotels:

From Portland—E. A. Baldwin, at the Murray Hill.

From Seattle—D. V. McCarthy, at the Grand; Miss M. Kemper, at the Marlborough; H. J. Vandeven, at the St. George.

From Spokane—W. E. Johnson, at the Imperial; O. Jeldness, W. D. Munroe, at the Manhattan; C. H. Williams, at the Victoria.

From Baker City, Or.—J. K. Ronig, at the Herald Square.

From La Grande, Or.—W. H. Hazel, at the Victoria.

County Court in Curry County.

GOLD BEACH, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The regular January term of the County Court began this morning, Ed A. Bailey, Judge; F. H. Blake and C. W. Haines, Commissioners, being present. Richard Savage and Sandy Grant, indigents, were allowed county aid. The resignations of E. A. Bailey and Nels Neygren as road supervisors, were accepted. C. N. Pingree was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Nels Neygren's resignation. M. Bianchi was granted a license to sell spirituous liquors.

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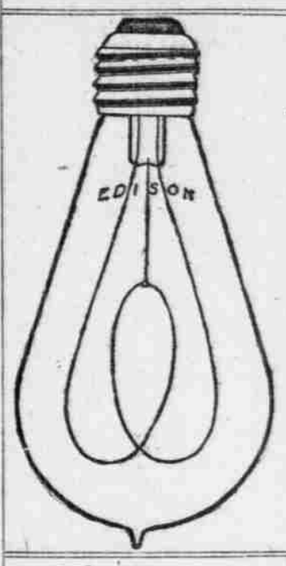

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