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AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAM GRAND THEATER—Tonight at 8:15 o'clock, Chas. H. Yale's "Everlasting Devil's Auction."

CORDRAY'S THEATER—This evening at 8:15, Owen Davis's "A Gambler's Daughter."

THE BAKER—Tonight at 8:15, "For Fair Virginia."

HAD NEW GAMBLING SYSTEM.—Information on the most abstruse questions is liable to be picked up in the most unexpected places by those who keep their ears open. One who knows this was led to stop suddenly yesterday when he heard a crossing-sweeper ask his fellow laborer if he knew how "old ——," a resident of Portland for 40 years, always made money at gambling. The man addressed expressed his entire ignorance in the matter, and the other said: "I will tell you. When he sits down to play cards or goes to a cock fight, he puts 25 cents in one pocket to gamble with. If he loses this he quits. If he wins a game or a bet, he puts his winnings in a separate pocket, and leaves them there. In this way he always keeps ahead of the game." There may be something in this system, but the man who can "quit" while he has winnings in his pocket is not a genuine gambler. From the sweeper's answer to several questions asked him, it appears that those who imagine that cock-fighting and other "sports" of this kind came to an end here when Joe Taylor died have not kept themselves informed on sporting matters. Any one who will follow the system explained by the crossing-sweeper will be insured against heavy losses at gambling.

CALIFORNIA SPORT IS POOR.—Judge Bellinger, who has been sitting in the United States Court in San Francisco for some time, and returned home a few days ago, has been deprived of his usual pleasure of duck-shooting this Winter. He missed this very much, and his only consolation was telling the California Judges what fine duck-shooting there is in Oregon, how many fine mallards he kills, and to show them reports of the shooting down here from The Oregonian. The San Francisco jurists were a little envious, and said that if they got one pair of mallards in a day's shooting in California, they thought themselves lucky. Judge Bellinger and Millard Lownsdale have shot down on the old Knapp place, opposite Sauvie's Island, for years, and Mr. Lownsdale has come in from his Yamhill County farm once a week, ever since Judge Bellinger went to San Francisco, to look after their lake and keep it "shooted over" a little. Yesterday the two went down to their lake, hoping to enjoy good sport, which of late has been the exception rather than the rule among sportsmen. The lake used to be a favorite haunt of canvasbacks before the wappatoes were destroyed, but mallards answer very well these days.

STONE GUTTER IN BAD CONDITION.—Two men have been at work for several days endeavoring to put the stone-paved gutter along the Fifth-street side of the City Hall in a decent condition. This is a rather difficult job, as the stone blocks used in paving the gutter are about the worst ever seen in the city. Most of them are big enough for four. They were never trimmed, and are of all sizes and shapes, looking as if they had been blasted out of a quarry. It is, therefore, very difficult to lay them so as to make a decent job, or such a gutter as there ought to be in front of a City Hall. Fifth street in that neighborhood is in very good condition. It was improved with broken stone, it is said, 22 years ago, and no top dressing of screenings was used. The street was never rolled, but it has lasted till this time without any repairs, and is now in much better condition than many macadam streets which were laid much later.

TWO HOLD-UPS REPORTED.—Two thugs have been doing some active work during the past few days. A hold-up was reported Wednesday night and another last night. In each case the description given of the robbers is the same, and it is thought that the same team committed both crimes. Wednesday night J. M. Cox, 296 Fremont street, and Albert Vanavery, 238 Monroe street, were held up on McMillen street, near Larrabee, and robbed of $6.85. Last night C. E. Smith, who lives at 721 Second street, was held up on Front street, near Porter, and $4 was taken. In both cases the highwaymen held a gun pointed at their victims and went through their pockets. One man was tall and the other short.

CARRIED CLAMS IN HIS POCKET.—There are many things which tend to keep the street gutters in a mess. Among these are banana peels, orange skins, cigar stubs and sidewalk sweepings; but a new article was discovered yesterday. A man was seen standing at the corner of Third and Yamhill streets with his jacket pocket full of hard-shell clams, which he drew out one at a time, opened artistically with a big jackknife, and, after swallowing the clams, threw the shells in the gutter. He looked surprised and disgusted when told that he was violating a city ordinance, but replied that he did not care—and went on guzzling clams and throwing the shells in the gutter.

TILLAMOOK WANTS HARBOR DREDGED.—The citizens of Tillamook City have petitioned Captain Langfitt that the $37,000 appropriated by Congress for the improvement of Tillamook Bay be expended for dredging, and particularly in dredging Hoquarton Slough, between deep water and Tillamook City. The Chamber of Commerce has indorsed the petition and has written requesting Captain Langfitt to accede to the wishes of Tillamook City if it can be done for the best interests of the commerce and shipping of that harbor. The matter was brought to the attention of the Chamber of Commerce by Hon. B. L. Eddy, Representative from Tillamook County.

NO DISCOURTESY INTENDED.—It is reported that a number of members of the police department feel aggrieved because they were not asked to contribute towards the testimonial to Chief McLauchlan. They say they would have given freely if they had been notified. In explanation of this, it is stated that those who managed the affair acted on the idea as soon as it had formed in their minds; that the whole thing was done in a very brief space of time, so much so that they did not have an opportunity to see and converse with all of the members of the force, but that no discourtesy was intended.

EASTERBY PLACED UNDER BONDS.—George Easterby and Wait Lancaster were both before Municipal Judge Hogue yesterday, on the charge of assault and battery. Easterby was further charged with having threatened to kill Lancaster. The evidence showed that Easterby had gone to Lancaster's house and had been the aggressor in the fight, and that, having been fairly whipped by Lancaster, he had threatened to kill him. Lancaster was dismissed, and the charge of assault against Easterby continued. Easterby was placed under a bond of $100 to keep the peace.

FRAME BUILDING TO MOVE.—The two-story frame building now occupying the northwest corner of Front and Everett streets will soon be moved to the southwest corner of Sixth and Flanders, where it will take the place of the small brick structure now on that property, which must be torn down. The building which is to be moved six blocks is 30 feet wide and 100 feet long, and its removal will be no easy task. When placed in its new location the frame building will be used for stores and furnished rooms. The Portland Gas Company is the owner.

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MAY LAY THEIR OWN SIDEWALKS.—A permit has been granted to Closset & Devers to put down a cement sidewalk on Everett street, between Eighth and Park streets, free of expense to the city. Some time ago the city removed the old decayed wooden sidewalks along both sides of the tier of Park blocks, and also from most of the intervening streets. This thoughtful action has probably saved many persons from being thrown down and injured while traveling on the old dilapidated walks, but it was a little rough on people residing west of the tier of Park blocks who might want to cross between them. This is what is the matter with Mr. Devers, who will have the walk mentioned laid at his own expense for the accommodation of himself and his suffering neighbors. If any others desire similar walks across the tier, the city will grant them permission to build them at their own expense. The city is liberal in this way, but is about as slack in the matter of renewing its sidewalks as citizens are about replacing their worn-out ones. The city has a string of decayed, disgraceful and dangerous old wooden sidewalks around the Market block which match very well with the old tumble-down Exposition building, which continues to cover the block, and will probably continue to deprive the citizens of a market-place until it tumbles or burns down. Any citizen who feels like laying sidewalks around city property at his own expense need not be bashful about asking for a permit.

PRIDE CAUSED THEIR FALL.—Because they bragged about their criminal records, Frank Ward and Frank Miller, two men who broke away from the City Jail some time ago, have been arrested in North Yakima. Detectives Snow and Kerrigan will go after them today. Ward and Miller are two of the gang who robbed the O. R. & N. Co.'s cars some time ago, and got a number of shoes and other articles. They were placed under arrest and locked in the City Jail. In the evening when all was quiet they slipped up the steps which lead into the courtroom, and managed to break the lock. Then they waited quietly until there was a chance to slip out, and in the morning were not to be found. It was through information given by one of the employes of the Northern Pacific that they were found in North Yakima. They seemed to be proud of their accomplishments, and boasted of the fact that the Portland jail would not hold them. They were at once reported to the Sheriff of that county, and placed under arrest. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Spencer made out the extradition papers yesterday, and the detectives will start today for their men.

GERMAN SAILORS GOING AWAY.—The German training-ship Hertzogin Cecilie, which has been in port for some time, is about ready to sail. The cadets on board—a fine lot of young fellows—will carry away pleasant memories of Portland, as they have been royally entertained while here, especially by German citizens. The captain and officers of the ship have also received many attentions, and have done their best to return such favors. They all say they will always be pleased to meet Portland people visiting Germany. The dinner and entertainment given on the ship by the officers and cadets have been much enjoyed by their friends, and there will be many heartfelt regrets when sailing day comes. This world is made up of meetings and partings, with a few other things thrown in. The probability is that all these cadets will be turning up here before long as captains or officers of ships, and they will always be heartily welcomed. In the meantime they will be saying kind words for Portland and Portland people in all parts of the world.

HAVE VACATION IN WINTER.—County School Superintendent Robinson returned yesterday from visiting a number of the schools in the county. He says there are 58 school districts in Multnomah County, including joint districts—that is, districts which, owing to the conformation of the country, are partially in two counties. There are schools in all of them except five. The number of teachers employed in the county, outside of Portland, is 112, and the number of pupils in daily attendance is 2600. The reason why there is no school in five of the districts is that they are thinly populated, and some of the pupils have a long distance to walk, which makes attendance very difficult at this season. These schools, therefore, have their long vacation in Winter, and the pupils do their studying and schooling in Summer.

CAPTAIN FRANK GROUNDS DEAD.—A letter just received from Sydney, Australia, under date of December 20, 1902, announces the death at that city of Captain Frank Grounds, on December 13, from cancer of the stomach. He was well known on the Columbia and on Puget Sound as a steamboat man, and for the last three years as a captain on the Yukon between St. Michaels and Dawson. Captain Grounds left a wife, at Aumsville, Or.; his father, Captain Brazil Grounds, of Portland; four sisters and a brother—Mrs. Eva G. Crawford, of Corvallis; Mrs. Ellen Newbury, of Portland; Mrs. Lizzie Miller, of San Francisco; Captain Henry Grounds, of Seattle, and Mrs. Kate Taft, of Seattle. Captain Grounds was in his 44th year.

CITY HALL ELEVATOR RUNS.—For the first time in seven years the elevator in the City Hall was put into operation yesterday. There was a large crowd of interested spectators present at the trial of speed, and it was generally conceded that the machine worked very well after its long rest, though some of the joints seemed rather stiff at first. It is a hard task to walk the flight of stairs at the City Hall after some one on the top floor, and visitors will be very much pleased to know that the cage will be put into regular operation next week. There are places for two elevators in the building, but one shaft has no cage in it.

APARTMENT-HOUSE SOLD.—The property at the northeast corner of Thirteenth and Alder streets, occupied by the Vendome apartment-house, was purchased yesterday by Daniel Rieman for $24,000. The building is a modern structure, six stories in height, and covers over a quarter of a block, the exact dimensions of the grounds being 73x100 feet. The residence on the north, also a part of the Vendome property, was not included in the sale. Lowenstein Bros., of the Chicago Clothing House, were the former owners, and the deal was made through Goldsmith & Co.

DISLOCATED HIS SHOULDER.—Sam Lotan, a deputy in Auditor Devlin's office, is confined to his home on the East Side, as the result of a fall downstairs. He has his supply of firewood in the cellar, and sometimes places a lot of sticks at the head of the cellar stairs, to be handy. A few evenings ago he started to go down the cellar stairs, and stepped on a round piece of wood. He went down fast enough, but dislocated his left shoulder by striking the cellar floor with it. He hopes to be able to resume his duties before long.

CLIMATE HAD NO GOOD EFFECT.—Samuel B. Schwab, Jr., who has been suffering from lung trouble, and who went to Phoenix, Ariz., three months ago, hoping to be benefited by the change of climate, has not improved in health. His parents received word a few days ago that he was growing worse, and his mother left Tuesday evening for Phoenix to stay with her son indefinitely, till the result of his trouble is decided.

VENDOME PROPERTY CHANGES OWNERSHIP.—Goldsmith & Co., real estate brokers, yesterday closed the sale of the Vendome apartment-house, with 73x50-foot grounds, to Mr. Daniel Rieman, for $24,000. This is considered a splendid buy for such a low figure, as the property produces over 10 per cent net on the purchase price.

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Musical people from different portions of Oregon filled the Marquam Theater last night to hear a piano recital by Wizard Ossip Gabrilowitsch, one of the greatest, if not the greatest, living pianists of the gifted Slav race. The audience was a brilliant and critical yet enthusiastic one, and the successful recital was given under the direction of Miss Lois Steers. Gabrilowitsch met with an enthusiastic reception, and he has certainly captured Portland with his wonderful playing.

At the outset one is struck with the resemblance, from a purely artistic point of view, between Gabrilowitsch and his famous fellow-countryman, Paderewski; and the interesting question arises, having heard both pianists, Which of them is the greater? Gabrilowitsch is nearly 25 years old, and Paderewski is about 42 years old, being born near Podolia, Russian Poland, while Gabrilowitsch's home is at St. Petersburg. Paderewski has certainly created more furore, up to date, in this country than his great rival, but this is not the one sign of genius or greatness. Critically speaking, because the point is not one that can be easily settled, for true artistic interpretation, sensuous beauty of tone and a perfect technique, Paderewski and Gabrilowitsch are about equal. Both are similarly gifted, but Paderewski has lived and studied longer, and his style is the more mature. He is the greater poet. Gabrilowitsch is not yet the matinee idol, whose incense is roses and hysteria.

In the Bach-Tausig number, Gabrilowitsch showed that a new star had arisen from the frozen north, one destined by nature to be a conqueror. His fingering and attack were superb, and the effect was heightened when he began Schumann's "Carneval," No. 9. A perfect army of notes sprang into being at his magic touch, clothed with fine tonal color and beauty. It was as if one good guide had climbed to a great Alpine height, but Gabrilowitsch climbed to the highest peak of all, the region of eternal snow and ice. Little wonder that he got three recalls.

In the Chopin selections, the etude in C major was played at a terrific speed and created a sensation. Real artillery fire seemed to roar when Gabrilowitsch gave the "Polonaise A flat major," and, in response to an encore which could not be denied, he gave a study by Chopin in C sharp minor. He certainly excels as an interpreter of Chopin, and played this composer last night in a style never excelled in Portland.

His brilliant little "Gavotte" is a dainty composition, bristling with difficulties which were as nothing in the hands of the composer. The spellbinder was his treatment of Rubinstein's "Barcarolle in G minor," the tone being one of deep religious beauty, but very few in the audience seemed to notice this.

Gabrilowitsch's most brilliant playing was heard in Schubert-Tausig's "Marche Militaire." This selection is often heard at concerts, but a master hand played it with fire, genius and authority last night. He was recalled six times, and his final encore was Schumann's loved "Nachtstueck." It was principally played in piano effect, and with such exquisite tenderness that it floated over the audience like a benediction. Gabrilowitsch, it has been arranged, will again play in this city some afternoon next week. He was materially helped last night by the fine singing tone of the grand piano he used.

Previous to the concert, Gabrilowitsch was interviewed at the Portland Hotel, and he chatted interestingly in English. He speaks six languages with ease. He is unlike the poetic conception of a piano virtuoso, as his hair is not abnormally long, he is not haughty but approachable, he is human rather than spirituelle, his eyes have a merry twinkle now and then, and the hotel people say that he enjoyed a good dinner. His hands are not large, but his fingers are long and sinewy, and are built for muscular exertion.

"How many hours a day do you devote to piano practice?" asked The Oregonian reporter.

"That depends upon where I am," replied Gabrilowitsch. "Really, I do not play so many hours at certain intervals. That is where a great many pianists err. They play until fingers and brain are weary with so much playing. Of course, I play to keep myself in practice, but not so much as you would think. I spend a good part of my time on this tour traveling in railroad cars, where it is difficult to get piano practice. When I am alone in my car, I begin work on my mute piano."

"What is that?"

Gabrilowitsch obligingly picked up what appeared to be a dressing-case, undid the leather straps, pulled out two wooden legs, threw aside a canvas cover and revealed a familiar row of black and white keys. Sitting down on a chair, the pianist laughingly said: "Now, I will play for you. Listen, my friend." But no sound came from that keyboard, and both pianist and reporter exchanged smiles. "Now, I can play on this mute piano for hours at a time without any one hearing me," went on Gabrilowitsch. "When I first made the purchase, I placed the mute piano on my knees when I wanted practice, but this was inconvenient. My manager, G. R. Acyroyd, who is on tour with me, cleverly planned this standard cover as you now see it."

"This is your second tour in this country?"

"Yes. I came first in the season of 1900-01. Then I came back last September and landed in New York, opening at the Music Festival, Worcester, Mass., and I have since played in a number of the principal cities in this country. I began to play the piano when I was 6 years old, and I afterward studied at the St. Petersburg Conservatory of Music when Rubinstein was director. My last teacher was Leschetizky, of Vienna, who is the greatest piano teacher now living. Then I began my tour, and played in such places as Berlin, Paris and London."

"What are your favorite composers?"

"Beethoven, Chopin—but I like so many that it is difficult to make a list."

"What of Schumann's 'Nachtstueck'?"

"It is one of the most beautiful compositions. In selecting a programme, I choose the kind of music I like. I could not play anything I don't like."

NEW THEATER REFORM.

Let "Between-the-Act" Men Buy Aisle Seats.

PORTLAND, Jan. 22.—(To the Editor.)—Noting the protest against upright bows in the hair and other equally annoying features that disturbs the theater-goer, I should like to add that of the man who climbs out from the middle of a row between the acts. As a matter of courtesy the women he must pass have to stand up holding their hats, programmes, opera glasses and bags. I am in favor of eliminating both offenders.

Being a woman and a short one, I have suffered much from each, and, I am afraid, not always gracefully.

The "between-the-act" man is not a new complaint, but long-suffering women have not made the noise about it that men make when we become offensive. I would suggest that women leave off the bow—it is passe in the East—late-comers reform, conversationalists desist, people who want to don their hats and wraps remember there may be those who wish to see and hear the performance finish, and the men who must "have a smoke" will buy aisle seats; then all amusement-lovers would enjoy themselves more and feel kindlier toward their fellow-man. A WOMAN.

INSANE MAN SHOOTS.

Sylvester Swank Fatally Wounds Kansas City Patrolman.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Sylvester Swank, of Portland, Or., aged 35, insane, today entered police headquarters and demanded $90 taken from him last May, when he was arrested as an insane person. The property clerk explained that the money had been paid to Swank's brother. Swank turned away, then drew a pistol, thrust it into Patrolman A. R. McKinney's face and shot him, inflicting a fatal wound. Swank was seriously beaten before being subdued. He has a brother in Oregon. McKinney will die before morning.

(The name Sylvester Swank is not in the city directory, and no trace of his brother could be found last evening.)

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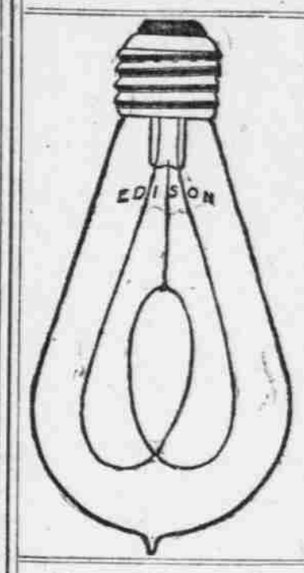

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