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AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAM GRAND THEATER—This afternoon at 2:15 o'clock, tonight at 8:15, Chas. H. Yale's "Everlasting Devil's Auction."

THE BAKER THEATER—This afternoon at 2:15, tonight at 8:15, "For Fair Virginia."

CORDRAY'S THEATER—This afternoon at 2:15, this evening at 8:15, Owen Davis' "A Gambler's Daughter."

M. A. A. C. CLUB—Tonight at 8 o'clock and matinee today at 2:30, "Liquid Air Demonstration."

BARK COLOMA AND THE EARLY DAYS.—The sight of the bark Coloma in the harbor brings back pleasant recollections to many old residents, especially to those who have crossed the Pacific on her. She also recalls memories of Captains Allen and Cyrus M. Noyes, who were among the first to embark in the shipping business between Portland and China. The first vessel on this route was the Garibaldi. She was succeeded by the Alden Besse, Allen Noyes, captain, and Cyrus M. Noyes, mate. The Alden Besse was finally sold, and Allen Noyes became ship surveyor here. Several citizens formed a company and purchased the bark Coloma, and she went on the route between Portland and Hong Kong, with Cyrus M. Noyes as commander. A successful business was carried on for a dozen years or more. The Coloma would remain here duing the Summer and in the Fall would sail for Hong Kong, often carrying a passenger or two, and in May she would return loaded with rice, Chinese passengers, chinaware, rattan chairs, camphor-wood chests and curios of all kinds. Her sailing away and arrival here were the events of the year and were the occasions of interest to a great many. The restriction law, shutting off the carrying of Chinese passengers, and probably the increase of steamship traffic between this country and China, interfered with the profitable business of the Coloma, and she was sold to San Francisco parties and is now in the lumber business. Captain Noyes' family lives in China, and he has for some years been an officer on board a United States transport running between San Francisco and the Orient.

LAWYERS DEVELOP DAIRY INDUSTRY.—The lawyers who are devoting part of their time and talents to developing the dairying business in this state are bound to bring it to the front. They are all shrewd enough to see what an important and valuable product it is, and the chance it affords for profits. Milk is used by everyone from the cradle to the grave; it yields cream, which can be made into three kinds of butter, good, bad and indifferent; also into many kinds of cheese, from the best to the worst imaginable, when the cream is used with the milk. And one kind—skim cheese—when the cream is left out. Benton Killin has been advocating the use of thousand-headed cabbages as Winter forage for milch cows, and it is coming into favor. Two very fine specimen plants of this "cabbage," which is a sort of kale, were displayed at a store on First street yesterday. The "heads" are simply branches of loose leaves. The plants mentioned are about four feet in height and about the same in circumference, and weigh 25 pounds each. As fast as the branches are cut off others grow out and the amount of food they furnish is wonderful. In this climate, where this cabbage flourishes all Winter, they are bound to be of value as a Winter food for dairy cattle, and Mr. Killin will be happy if he succeeds in making two 1000-headed cabbages grow where only one grew before. There are a great many kinds of cabbage, but the 1000-headed variety, which has not one head on 1000 plants, is the most extravagant grower and furnishes a vast amount of food to the acre.

STOOD NEAR THE JUMPING-OFF PLACE.—A number of citizens who were crossing the steel bridge at about lunch time yesterday were much excited at an incident which placed in danger the lives of a number of people, although no one was hurt. The steamer Vulcan, laboriously towing a raft of logs up stream, had just whistled her signal for the opening of the draw, and as the big bridge swung slowly open there was the usual impatient accumulation of cars, delivery wagons, trucks, bicycles and pedestrians, but the circumstance which attracted so much attention was that before the bridge gate was closed three teams were allowed to pass beyond the gate and stand with nothing to prevent them from stepping off into the river. Between the gate and the end of the span there is only a space of 25 feet, and if a team of horses should take fright while standing there nothing could prevent them from jumping off into the water.

STABBED ROBBER WITH UMBRELLA.—Because he carried a steel-handled umbrella F. J. Schafield, who lives at 631 Hood street, now has several more dollars than he might have had. While crossing the Burnside-street bridge last night he was met by a highwayman and ordered to throw up his hands. He had a firm grip upon his umbrella, which was closed, and quick as a flash made a powerful thrust at the robber. Schafield says that he felt the man's clothing and hide give way and is sure the umbrella pierced his abdomen. "My God, you have killed me," yelled the wounded man and took to his heels. The robber has not been heard from, but it is thought that he will beware of umbrellas in the future.

THE PORTLAND ART ASSOCIATION announces that an exhibition of photographs from the works of the Dutch artist, Franz Hals, is now in place in the lecture-room of the Library building. These will remain on view only two weeks, to be followed by Rembrandt. William Bode, the well-known critic, says that Hals is one of the greatest portrait painters of all time. Many of his single portraits, and also the great group pictures, for which he is famous, can be seen in fine photographic reproduction. The gallery is open every afternoon, except Sunday, and on Thursdays and Saturdays no admission is charged. The public is cordially invited to visit the rooms.

PLANS FOR BRICK BUILDING COMPLETED.—The plans and specifications for the brick building, 75x100 feet, three stories and a basement, to be erected by J. W. Cook on First street, near Oak, have been completed. Proposals for the construction of the building will be advertised in a few days. As the building is already leased, and is to be ready for occupation at a fixed time, the work of construction will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. The building will be a very neat one, the front being largely of glass, and if it is decided to use enameled brick on the front, as is contemplated, the effect will be very fine.

MULTNOMAH DELEGATION MEETS TONIGHT.—Chairman Hodson has issued a call for the Multnomah delegation to meet tonight in the City Hall to discuss the Morrison-street bridge bill and other matters of legislation still pending. Those interested are invited to attend. The meeting will be held in the rooms formerly occupied by the County Commissioners.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. In the morning the pastor, Rev. Edgar P. Hill, D. D., will preach. In the evening Major George A. Hilton, the well-known evangelist, will speak especially to young people.

$2 Boys' shoes, $1.19; children's shoes, 69c; ladies' shoes, 69c; children's cloaks, $3 to $5, $1.69; tablets, 5c; ladies' wool hose, 9c; 15c flannelettes, 7c. Clary's, The Fair, 229 Washington, near Sixth.

UNITARIAN CHURCH.—Dr. Cressey will speak tomorrow at 11, "Christian Science."

HOT AIR? No, liquid air, at Multnomah Club this afternoon.

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WANT OLD SHACKS TORN DOWN.—The statements published in regard to the City of Salem having acquired the authority to remove and destroy old shacks of buildings, which are a nuisance and a disgrace to the city, and dangerous as fire-traps and disease breeders, has set many to looking through the new charter of Portland, to see if it confers power on the city to condemn such old, worthless buildings. There are a number of old, tumble-down shacks in Portland, which are a disgrace to the city and to the owners thereof, as well as a menace to the public health, which all agree should be done away with. Now that it is desirable, in view of the coming Lewis and Clark Fair that the city should be cleaned up and beautified, many are desirous that the city authorities should take this matter in hand. The charter gives the Council authority to create the office and define the duties of building inspector, but no such officer has yet been appointed. Some object to the creation of more offices, or the appointment of more officers. There are many in favor of the Chief of the Fire Department and his district deputies being clothed with the powers of building inspector, as they certainly ought to know all about the condition of the buildings in the city. Probably the first time the city orders an old shack destroyed it will become involved in a lawsuit, but the authorities will have to persevere if they desire to get rid of such nuisances.

SAYS HE GAVE THE BOY $15.—In connection with the case of Westenfelder vs. Wolfstein in Judge Reid's Court, Mr. Wolfstein desires to say that the statement made by the Westenfelder boy that he only gave him $10 instead of $15 for the cow is untrue. The boy admitted he stole the cow and also forged the letters in connection therewith, and Mr. Wolfstein thinks the boy falsifies in regard to the amount of the money given to him.

MEN'S RESORT ENTERTAINMENT.—Tonight, at 7:45, at the Men's Resort, 66 North Sixth street, the regular Saturday entertainment will consist of a stereopticon lecture on Laos by Miss Julia Hatch. Miss Hatch has spent some years as a missionary in Laos and possesses about 100 lantern slides with which she illustrates a popular lecture upon the country and its people. No admission charge is made. The public is welcome.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.—On February 24 the United States Civil Service Commission will conduct examinations in Portland for the positions of Hebrew interpreter in the Immigration Service and watch officer in the Coast and Geodetic Survey. Applicants should call on or address Z. A. Leigh, secretary of the board of local examiners, Postoffice building.

JOHN BURROUGHS SOCIETY.—Mr. Nicholas will speak at the meeting of the John Burroughs Society in the City Hall tonight. The public is cordially invited.

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SHOULD NOT INHERIT DEBT

Farmer Makes Vigorous Protest Against the Mortgage-Tax Law.

LAUREL, Or., Jan. 21.—(To the Editor.)—As cruel and remorseless as war is, history proves that many occasions have arisen when man has been justified in drawing his sword. Likewise, it sometimes happens that a plain farmer is justified in using his pen to raise the question whether a law can be framed, or license fees exacted that will be favorable "to the securing of the investment here of capital, corporate and individual, from other states," taxing it equally and uniformly with other property of the state, as recommended by the Governor.

Experience has demonstrated that a money-loaning company will make its debtors pay its taxes. For instance: "A" is a loaning capitalist residing in another state. "B" is a borrower, living in a state where money cannot legally escape taxation, as was the case in our former mortgage-tax law; "C" is a borrower, living in a state where money is not taxed. "A" has a chance to loan to "B" and "C" each $1000. "A" will reason: "If I loan to 'B' I must pay the taxes on what money I lend; if to 'C' I will pay no taxes. I shall, therefore, charge 'B' enough more interest to recompense me for the extra taxes I must pay in his state. No taxes occurring after my transaction with 'C,' I can lend to him at a lower rate of interest." It is plain enough for every thinking man to see that "B" really pays the taxes on the money he borrows.

Likewise, private or corporate capital of all kinds of investments will seek a state where it will bring the largest net gains for the money invested. Hence, the state offering it little or no taxation, other conditions being equal, will draw the most investments. I am in no wise an advocate of large wealth escaping taxation. It is but just that the greatest burdens should be placed on the strongest shoulders, but capital should be alike taxed throughout all the states, a measure that can, I think, only be regulated by the Federal Government.

We have had enough bitter experience in regard to the old mortgage tax, that dishonest money lenders evaded paying, and the collection of which has been authorized by the Supreme Court. It cannot now be collected from the men who loaned the money, many of whom have succumbed to man's master, Death, and are gone where no earthly code can reach them. Others reside in states where our jurisdiction does not extend. This tax can be collected only from those who now own the land. Some of these are men whose careworn features and stooping shoulders tell plainly of the hard struggle to support their families and save the money to pay the interest and principal of the mortgage that devours their substance night and day.

Even those who have been fortunate enough to have the mortgage released find that in their declining days they are obliged to pay taxes on it that should have been paid by their creditors years ago. It has often happened that a stranger, coming into our state, has purchased land, thinking it free from all incumbrance, but he is surprised to receive a dun from his Sheriff, and he is obliged to meet a debt for taxes that should have been paid 15 or 20 years before.

A FARMER.

Soap and Civilization.

Savannah News.

A bill has been introduced in Congress to place Guam under civil government. From the time Guam became American territory, on the day that the Spanish Governor could not salute the American ships that captured the island, because he had no powder, until the present, the island has been under military rule in care of the Navy Department.

What makes this new Guam bill more than ordinarily noticeable, however, is the fact that coincident with its introduction in Congress came the information that we are now sending to Guam nearly 10 times as much soap as we sent a year ago. This is indeed encouraging. If the natives of the island are taking 10 baths now where they took one before, it means that they are rapidly absorbing civilization and that the time is not far distant when they will require boots and breeches—which we shall take pleasure in furnishing them at a fair profit. There is an opinion abroad that the consumption of soap and whisky marks the progress in civilization of a formerly savage tribe. If that is true, then the Guamites bid fair to take rank with the most civilized communities or peoples before the first quarter of the new century shall have elapsed. Each ship stopping at the island has as part of her cargo the articles mentioned—the liquid "civilizer," however, in larger quantities than the solid one.

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AT THE THEATERS.

"Devil's Auction."

Toby	Louis Martinetti
Carlos	Madge Torrance
Pere Andoche	John R. Guilmette
Count Fortune	Lillian Herndon
Going Gone	Frank De Witt
Tresbdin	William Newman
Madelene	Berna Devore
Janet	Lilly Sutherland
Kow Wow Chang	John L. Guilmette
Tee Sheng	Henri Rarle
Chang Han	Thomas Saelyr
Moon Chow	William Speuri
Koket	Minnie Balt
Crystalline	Alice Stoddard
Mephisto	Henry P. Thomas
Chaos	Robert Burns

The dazzling, spectacular 21 edition of Charles H. Yale's "Devil's Auction" opened before a crowded house at the Marquam Theater last night, with its customary success, and all the old-time favorites were applauded as heartily as ever. Since its last appearance here the play has been rewritten and restaged, and the costumes are dazzling.

In the first act, the cavern scene is new, with a clever transformation on Andoch Valley, where J. L. Guilmette and Lilly Sutherland sing their famous, amusing feline and canine duet, which caught the gallery and was encored. Lilly Sutherland made her usual hit in the part of Janet, the milkmaid, and her affection for her donkey, Toby, afterward transformed by magic into a man, drew many a smile. She is like a sunbeam, fitting into song and dance at a moment's notice, the acme of laughing good humor. As the love story of Carlos, the poor shepherd, and Madeline, daughter of the stern Flemish farmer, unfolded itself, where the father is disposed to welcome the suit of the rich, unknown Count Fortune, who is inspired by the devil, and where Toby, the donkey, blossoms into human shape and makes love to pretty Janet, the applause increased in volume, especially from young people.

Clever novelty work was seen in the dance of the moon, and Louis Martinetti managed to get in some of his amusing acrobatic work, where lighted candles, beds, brooms, wine bottles, etc., disappeared when the people of the other region began their black art. In the garden of the mandarins, the Chinese divertisement took the eye, and two comedy acrobats, De Witt and Burns, gave a remarkable exhibition of gymnastic work. In the palace of bonbons, the children were delighted with tumbling by Irene Latour and her little dog Zaza. It was ludicrous to watch the gravity with which the dog balanced himself on the acrobat's toes, and this specialty is well worth seeing. The finale, a tribute to our country, contains gorgeous scenery, and the pictures include the Suwanee River, the Garden of the Gods, Niagara Falls, the Mammoth Cave etc., showing America crowned Queen of the world. The ballet and specialties are up to date, and Lilly Sutherland deserves credit for her work as premiere danseuse. "The Devil's Auction" this afternoon and evening.

"Everlasting Devil's Auction."

There will be a popular matinee this afternoon at the Marquam Theater, at Yale's "Everlasting Devil's Auction," just the sort of a show to please ladies and children. The beautiful scenery and transformation scene are well worth all the praise lavished on them, and the ballets and specialties are clever and up to date. The prices are: Adults, 50 cents; children, 25 cents. The last performance this evening.

"A Gambler's Daughter" Matinee.

Today at Cordray's "A Gambler's Daughter," the successful and exciting drama of modern life, will give a special ladies' and children's matinee at 2:15, and its last performance tonight at 8:15.

Matinee at the Baker.

The matinee today of "For Fair Virginia" at the Baker Theater will no doubt be crowded. Tonight will be the last opportunity to witness this strong play.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"Charley's Aunt" at the Baker.

Manager Baker is sure of two crowded houses at his cozy theater tomorrow. When the announcement was made that "Charley's Aunt," that phenomenal success, was to be presented at the Baker Theater, starting with the usual matinee Sunday afternoon, there was an eager demand for seats. From the present indications it looks as if Charles Frohman's greatest comedy success would equal the business done by "The Little Minister," but the literary merits are the same. No comedy ever written has achieved the wonderful success of "Charley's Aunt." The play is a farce-comedy of the funniest type, and the fun hinges on the assumption of a woman's clothes by a college undergraduate. There is no horseplay, but on the contrary the dialogue is brilliant, the humor is incessant but not exaggerated. Just one incident may be mentioned that will show how many ludicrous situations are involved. After dinner the ladies, including Charley's aunt (the real one), who has arrived and is having the joke explained to her, retire to the drawing-room, and while the gentlemen sit over the coffee and cigars the bogus aunt desires to smoke, and does not want to go to the drawing-room, for fear the ladies will indulge in conversation of the gossiping nature, that they are apt to do when no man is near. His struggles to escape are ludicrous but futile.

At Cordray's Next Week.

Legitimate in plot, consistent in story, full of bright lines and laugh-provoking situations, the new comedy, "Whose Baby Are You?" comes to Cordray's next week recommended as the best funmaker of the season. The peculiar title should be taken literally, for it is upon the mistaken identity of a baby that the plot hinges. To make matters more interesting, the babies accumulate until the curtain falls on the second act with three crowing infants seated upon the stage, and the audience wild with laughter at the unexpected turn of events, and asking in vain, "Whose Baby Are You?" The merry play will be presented here by Myron B. Rice's company, headed by John F. Ward and Miss June Mathis, for four nights only, commencing with a matinee Sunday, January 25, at Cordray's Theater.

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"Uncle Tom's Cabin."

Stetson's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" company will be the attraction at the Marquam Grand Theater next Wednesday and Thursday nights, January 28 and 29, with a ladies' and children's matinee Thursday. The advance sale of seats will open Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

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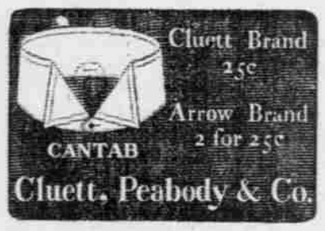

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