

BALL WILL BE GIVEN

Italian Colony to Hold Dance Tomorrow Night.

BUT CHURCH WON'T GET FUNDS

Committee Makes Answer to Archbishop Christie's Prohibitive Edict—Catholic Society Perturbed.

In spite of Archbishop Christie's most emphatic disapproval, the ball arranged to be given by the Italian colony of the city for the benefit of St. Michael's Catholic Church will be held in Arion hall tomorrow night, but the proceeds will not be given to the church. In this way the promoters hope to dissuade the archbishop from insisting on his recently issued edict forbidding all Catholics to attend or encourage in any way this shameful desecration of the Sunday. "Only the future will tell in what measure they have succeeded, and the archbishop is being watched closely by every Catholic in Portland to see what his next move will be.

Those who arranged for the fair are members of St. Michael's congregation, and it was their design to raise money to all in paying off the debt against the building their new church at the corner of Fourth and Mill streets. The matter was widely advertised and soon reached the notice of Archbishop Christie, who was prompt in expressing his disapproval. In a letter to The Oregonian he said:

I see by tickets and placards distributed through the city that a ball is announced to take place next Sunday evening, which is claimed to be given for the benefit of St. Michael's Catholic Church. Now, sir, I wish to inform the readers of this paper that this is absolutely untrue. This affair has neither the approval nor the sanction of the church, nor shall any funds realized thereby be accepted or any church organization for any purpose whatsoever.

Moreover, I hereby forbid all Catholics to attend or encourage in any way this shameful desecration of the Sunday.

It was expected that this would quash the whole proceeding, but it didn't. Excitement started in the face of those who disobey an archbishop's command in church affairs, but the ball promoters declined to give up their enterprise. Yesterday they issued this statement:

Grand Hall—The Italian colony, having made all the preparations since long ago, cannot go back on their plans; thus it is by strength of necessity and not by insubordination to the ecclesiastical authority. The ball will take place at Arion hall, Sunday, February 1.

The members of the committee waited upon the Rev. Alexander Costilli, pastor of St. Michael's, during the day, and had quite a long talk with him. Father Costilli had, before their arrival, seen the archbishop in regard to the affair, and he was able to say positively to the committee that none of the money raised by the performance would be received by the church. The committee, which was composed of Joseph Stosio, chairman; Leonard de Cristoforo, Peter Mognor, A. Galoro and L. Copotito, then issued the above statement.

Father Costilli, when asked what the outcome of the affair would be, said:

"I gave my consent and approval to the holding of this entertainment, when it was first suggested, but I did not have any idea that it was to be held on Sunday. That is something which the church, of course, could not permit. But those who had the matter in charge evidently did not know this, and so we made the arrangements. They had no thought as to adding to the church, and it would be unfair to attribute any ulterior motives to them. Then came the archbishop's command. I went to see him at once to explain all the circumstances. I did so to his full satisfaction, I think, and then I met the committee. I told the members they had done wrong in advertising to hold a ball on a Sunday and they expressed sorrow. I told them St. Michael's could accept none of the money raised in this way. They then explained to me that the music, the refreshments and the advertising had all been paid for, and that it was simply impossible to back out. I do not recall how many of the members they had spent, but it was a large amount."

Father Costilli said that the proceeds of the ball, according to what the committee-men told him, would go to the poor of the Italian colony.

"Do you think there will be any proceeds from the ball?" "Do you think Catholics will dare go?"

"Oh, I don't believe there will be any trouble, really, I don't."

"And he did not object to the attending of balls on Sunday?"

Father Costilli said he did not care to discuss this phase of the matter. His attention was called to that last specifically prohibitive paragraph of the archbishop's letter, but he would only repeat:

"I don't believe there will be any trouble, really, I don't."

The archbishop is giving no indications of his opinion of the change in the situation, and in the meantime the question of "to go or not to go" remains the chief subject of debate in local Catholic circles.

WHY "FLATIRON" WAS SUED

Famous New York Building Causes Fierce Draught.

Because the famous New York building known as the Flatiron creates a draught for damages has been brought against the owners. The accompanying diagram and following from the New York Herald recently noted in the press dispatches:

Owing to the peculiar construction of their building, the owners of the Flatiron building, at Twenty-third street and Broadway, have been made defendants in a suit brought by Gibson N. Vincent, a clothing merchant at the southeast corner of Twenty-second street and Broadway, whose show windows have frequently been broken by fierce gusts of wind directed into erratic courses by the peculiar shape of the building.

Those who have been blown askew by the varying winds that assail the corner mentioned may be relieved, even pleased, to know that receipt of paying bills for broken plate glass and damaged stock, Mr. Vincent yesterday swore to a bill of complaint alleging that on two different occasions the wind on its normal way had been deflected from its original course by the presence of the Flatiron, and by reason of this the plate glass windows in the front of his store have been smashed, cutting his stock and allowing it to be damaged by rain. He prays for a judgment of \$500 against the Fifth-Avenue Building Company, owners of the structure.

Henry A. Anderson, counsel for Mr. Vincent, says that policemen who have been stationed on this breeze-swept corner will be summoned, and he believes they can tell some astounding tales of the wind's capers.

Albeit there is a humorous side to the question, Mr. Vincent said yesterday that it was no joke with him.

"There was some doubt when I first proposed the case to my counsel, Henry A. Anderson, that I would maintain my stand. It surely is without precedent, but

when one thinks that water cannot be turned from its natural course and damage a neighbor without recompense, I do not see why the same rule cannot apply to the air. Surely no such damage was ever done before the big 20-story building was erected. It seems now as though when a northeast gale blows the wind is concentrated by the widening lower end of the building and then deflected directly across the street, where the fronts of my stores and my near neighbors get it with great energy.

"At the time that the greatest damage was caused to me, the windows of the Tabor Inn library, next door, were blown in, and a forist two doors away saved his window only by bracing it from behind with heavy wooden shores. In replacing our windows we have cut off of their height by a reinforcement of the sashes, but we have the assurance that they will stand until another gale has tried their mettle."

It was after the second visitation of the wind that Mr. Vincent looked about for measures of relief, and for a week, while the windows were boarded up awaiting a suitable time for glazing, he pondered on how to place the blame, and cast his eyes skyward to the huge steel and stone pile across the way.

BROOM STILL SWEEPING.

Another Raid Brings in Eight "Vagrants."

The war against vice in the Whitechapel district is becoming fiercer, and the vicious classes of Portland are coming to the realization that Chief of Police Hunt is in earnest when he says that the conditions in the North End must be improved. About \$20 in fines was collected yesterday in the Municipal Court from women and their male consorts, who had been arrested in past raids, and last night eight more lawbreakers were arrested on the charge of vagrancy. Three of the prisoners were taken in the notorious Frank Mays saloon, and the other five at a house on First and Everett streets, where negroes, Japanese, Chinese and

COMMISSIONERS FOR THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPOSITION

SALEM, Or., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—Governor George E. Chamberlain this evening signed the Lewis & Clark Fair bill, and named the following citizens of Oregon as commissioners to have charge of the expenditure of the \$500,000 appropriation as provided in the act: Professor F. G. Young, University of Oregon, Eugene; F. A. Spencer, manager of Allen & Lewis, Portland; J. H. Albert, banker, Salem; Stephen A. Lowell, attorney, Pendleton; W. E. Thomas, attorney, Portland; Richard Scott, farmer, Milwaukie; Dav Rafferty, physician, East Portland; J. Couch Flanders, attorney, Portland; Jefferson Meyers, capitalist, Salem; Frank Williams, mining operator, Ashland; G. Y. Harry, labor organizer, Portland.

WIVES HAVE BEEN ACCUSTOMED TO MINGLE IN SHRUD CONDUCT.

There now seems to be no hindrance to the wave of reformation started in this direction. A conflict between Municipal Judge Hogue and Chief Hunt Thursday caused some conjecture in the matter. The Judge intimated that he would refuse to fine the offenders unless something more than vagrancy could be proved against them. Yesterday, however, he imposed fines upon a large number of these people against whom nothing was proved other than that they were prostitutes and lived in a part of the city where vice and crime exist in their most flagrant forms. The case of Trilby Thorne, which caused a hot debate on Thursday, was disposed of by fine on \$5.

After the first two raids the people of Whitechapel only laughed and said that it was something to be expected. Last night, however, they shook their heads mysteriously and declared that it looked like a case of "move out." Hereafter the people arrested on these charges have been allowed to go on a moderate bail. Last night Captain Moore refused to take less than \$50 any circumstances.

"Got one of my girls here?" asked Frank Mays, as he came into the office. "Several girls here," replied the captain. "What's the ball?" asked Mr. Mays, reaching into his pocket. "Fifty dollars," replied the captain, and a look of surprise came over the questioner's face.

"Fifty dollars?" exclaimed he. "You know I wouldn't be carrying that much with me."

"Can't help that," replied the captain. Tony Gallagher was the next to appear. "I want to get the girl you arrested."

"Fifty dollars," was the answer. Again threats, demands, arguments and pleadings were resorted to, but Christina Johnson was still locked up when he started for home.

Those who were arrested last night were: Lam Chung, Chinese; Ngoman, N. Numtan and Frankish, Japanese; Christina Johnson, Swede; Marie Smith, Georgia Duchon, and Maggie Thompson, Americans.

CERTIFICATES TO GO WITH KISSES.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—A bill has been introduced in the Minnesota Legislature declaring that it shall be unlawful for one

person to kiss another unless he can prove he is free from contagious or infectious diseases, says a dispatch to the Tribune from St. Paul. The bill declares the certificate of a physician declaring a person to have a weak heart shall constitute a bar to the indulgence of kissing, and violation of the bill is accounted a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of from \$1 to \$5 for each offense.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth.

Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the gums, brings all the little pains, cures wind colic and diarrhea.

GAS TANK MIGHT EXPLODE

THAT IS WHY EAST SIDE CITIZENS FILE PROTEST.

This Danger, They Assert, Would Cause Property in Its Vicinity to Depreciate in Value.

To the committee on health and police of the Council yesterday, a delegation of East Side residents declared that they were unalterably opposed to the erection of a gas retort on the northeast corner of East Third and East Ankeny streets, a piece of property which the Portland Gas Company recently purchased through an agent. Of the remonstrants against the granting of the privileges, only 11 were present, and of that number Mrs. Jane Buckman, P. R. Sinnott, J. M. McQuade, ex-Fire Chief Joseph Buchtel, and a few others spoke against it. The opinion of all was that the erection of the retort would be inimical to their property interests.

"I own lots in the vicinity in which the retort is to be located," said Mr. McQuade, "but I can never build if this privilege should be granted. No one would rent my property."

"I own the southeast corner of East Second and Ankeny streets," said P. R. Sinnott. "I have already arranged plans for buildings there, but if the tank and retort should be constructed, I will not build for the reason that I do not believe that the buildings could be rented."

"There is a good deal of valuable property involved in this matter," said ex-Fire Chief Joseph Buchtel. "In the neighborhood of the proposed retort there are corners that are held at \$700 and made at \$800, and sales could not be made at the latter sum. We are not included in the fire limits, and under the ordinances we may erect wooden buildings. I am told that flats will be erected on

the surrounding property, and they will be dangerously near the retort. As a practical fireman, I give you this opinion. If a retort were located in the place named and a fire should break out in the residence district adjoining, the flames might be carried to the tank and the tank might explode. Such things have happened in the past, and they are not improbable in the future. Added to the danger are the daily blasts of the foundry opposite, a spark from which might communicate a flame. If the tank and retort are built, the property which is directly affected would depreciate thousands of dollars in value."

"Well," said Mrs. Jane Buckman, "when we sold that property to the Gas Company, we did not expect to embroil ourselves in trouble. We owned some land near the east approach of the Burnside-street bridge and we wished to dispose of it for the best interests of the city. We had many offers for leases, rentals and purchases, but we did not like them. I attended to the establishment of saloons and taverns along the blacksmith shops, and we were not favorable to such places as additions to our property interests. It seems now," she added, "that we have dropped into a deeper fire, and we wish the Council to take action."

There were no further speakers, and the committee laid the matter over for further consideration.

NO STREET FOR HUGHES.

"Assess Me With Benefits," He Says, "and I'll Go to the Supreme Court."

At the meeting of the Council street committee yesterday, the remonstrance of Ella G. Hughes against the opening of Clinton street was taken up and Mr. Hughes was given a hearing. Mr. Hughes said the opening of the street would be of no benefit, but would, on the other hand, be a detriment to his property. The street was not needed, and, besides other damages, it would run through two lots, the value of which was \$750. The report of the viewers showed that the assessment of benefits to Mr. Hughes was \$150 and damages \$211, leaving an excess of \$79.

"I shall not receive any benefits," declared Mr. Hughes, "even if they were placed at \$200. This street is of no benefit to my property and it is wanted only by the City & Suburban Railway Company.

The work of securing a stock of quail and Bob Whites for field trials in this state is going forward with a will, and it is thought that those interested in the matter will be able to send for the birds at an early date. At the meeting of sportmen held a week ago, W. M. Pike, Davis was appointed to secure information as to the cost of a stock of several hundred dozen birds, and the best means of getting them into the state. He is now in communication with several Eastern and California authorities, and expects to have the necessary information very soon. Subscription lists to secure the quail and Bob Whites have been circulated among those interested in the matter, and it is reported that they are being very liberally signed.

The preliminary work for the coming bench show of the Portland Kennel Club is also progressing very satisfactorily, and the club members think they will have a most successful show this year. There are more blooded dogs in Portland now than ever before, and they are being brought and raised here all the time. The entry list will be much larger than last year, and the dogs will be of a better class too.

SATURDAY.

The Big Day for Men's Pants and Suits at the Brownville Woolen Mill Store.

As an extra inducement for men to pick out that pair of pants today, we will give a fine pair of suspenders with each pair sold (for today only). This is in addition to the big cut in prices at which they are being sold liberally.

The heavy-weight, fine quality suits we still have in all sizes and as the prices are cut to nearly half they are going like hot cakes before a crowd of hungry men. Remember the new location of the Brownville Woolen Mill store is on Washington street, between First and Second.

Driving Club Has Money.

The annual meeting of the Riverside Driving Club was held in the office of M. D. Wisdom in the Hamilton building, last night, and was attended by all the officers of the organization. The statement of the treasurer showed that there was a balance on hand of \$23, a greater sum than in any previous year. The annual election of officers was postponed 60 days or until the racing season opens, and an adjournment was then taken. The present officers of the club are: President, L. Zimmerman; vice-president, Dr. W. H. Saylor; treasurer, G. Rosenblatt; secretary, A. Cronin.

Wrestling Tournament Tonight.

The wrestling tournament previously announced will take place at the Multnomah Club this evening. There have been a large number of entries this year than ever before, and the tournament promises to be doubly interesting on that account. Next week the boxing tournament referred to by Boxing Instructor Campbell, will take place Friday and Saturday evenings.

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OPERA GIRLS GOT HUNGRY

LONG DAY ON TRAIN BETWEEN ASTORIA AND PORTLAND. Track Washed Away in Three Places—Troupe Reaches Portland in Time to Begin at 10:30.

A series of odd adventures and delays in the grand opera "Carmen," certainly not in the calculations of Bizet when he wrote that charming work, was experienced yesterday by the members of the Gordon-Shay Opera Company, on the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad, between this city and Astoria. They were on the train nearly all day, with little or no food, and it was only by the merest chance they managed at last to reach the Marquam Grand Theater in this city, in time to give a performance at all. The railroad washouts were the cause of it.

The company delighted Astoria with a grand opera performance, Thursday night, and shortly before 7 o'clock yesterday morning the merry-makers innocently had breakfast, and boarded the train for this city, little dreaming of the adventures before them. Three of the chorus girls had to hurry to catch the train and they ate light breakfasts, in consequence.

"Never mind," said the prettiest one, "We couldn't swallow much in Astoria, but we will have time to eat a decent meal in Portland. Think I'll have a nice tenderloin, well done, with fried potatoes, liver, turnips, pickles, coffee and pie. That's all I can think of now."

"Don't," said another girl, who also had partaken of a light breakfast, in the hurry to catch the train.

When they had gone a few miles on their way, a small washout along the line delayed them. Then another washout, and finally something happened to the motive power. A message was telegraphed to Portland about noon that they were lost somewhere on the road and not to expect them before afternoon. Then the train, after sputtering awhile, suddenly started.

"Hooray," said the hungry girls. Lastly, came the chief wash-out, along the line half way to this city, and another message was flashed along the wires that the company could not arrive here until about 8 o'clock. Meanwhile the Marquam Theater people were dejected with anxiety. The latter was deepened when another telegraph message was received:

"Stock on the road. Can't reach town tonight."

"Boy," said "Billy" Pangle, of the theater staff, to his chief satellite, "hang a banner on the outer wall that there will be no performance of grand opera at this place tonight."

This was done, and people who came early went home, clutching their money, which was returned to them.

"Look out for us. Have passed wash-out. Are now bowling towards Portland. Will play tonight, sure," read another message.

The signboard was hurriedly demolished, and tickets sold again, but in the meantime all the ushers and Marquam Theater orchestra had been told to go home. The people were admitted, but they got restless.

At this juncture, George Baker, of Baker's Theater, stepped into the breach, lent his entire orchestra to the Marquam people, and got some of his many friends to play in the orchestra in his own theater. He did more. He made a speech to the Marquam crowd, saying:

"Ladies and gentlemen, ahem. On behalf of my friend, Mr. Heilig, who is not used to public speaking, I desire to state that the Gordon-Shay Opera Company is now on the way, and will positively give you a performance in this place before very long. To amuse you, the ushers will now hand you packages of candy."

"Generous soul," murmured an elderly man. "At 2 bits per package," concluded Mr. Baker, genially.

WEDDING AND VISITING CARD ENGRAVERS

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"Oh!" came from all parts of the theater. Special trolley cars were even called for the occasion. The audience behaved with the most astonishing good humor until the opera actually started.

PERSONAL MENTION.

L. N. Roney, a contractor of Eugene, is at the Perkins. E. F. Laughlin, a wheatgrower from The Dalles, is a guest of the Perkins. H. C. Truax, a well-known merchant of Grant's Pass, is staying at the Perkins. E. Van Dusen, a capitalist of Astoria, is staying at the Imperial. His wife accompanies him.

W. P. Campbell and wife arrived at the Imperial yesterday from the Indian School at Chemawa, where Mr. Campbell is a teacher.

J. D. McGowan, the canneryman after whom the town of McGowan on the Columbia River was named, is registered at the Imperial.

William Hanley, a wealthy stockman of Burns, arrived in the city yesterday to meet his wife, who has been visiting friends in California. He is registered at the Imperial.

J. O. Harper and wife, of the Harper Theological Company, are at the St. Charles. As Mrs. Harper is having some trouble with her eyes, they have been obliged to cancel their engagements indefinitely.

A. J. Marshall, who filled the position of inspector of street improvements for the city during the six years and a half that W. B. Chase was city engineer, has increased the blood pressure caused by holding the breath during the efforts at lifting, and has not tested the heart and lungs for endurance to overcome these objections.

Dr. Sargent has arranged a series of exercises, in which practically no equipment is necessary and less attention is given to strength and more to speed and endurance. The score will be reached by a formula in which the weight lifted is multiplied by the height to which it is raised and the product multiplied by the number of times the exercise is completed in a given time. The total is in foot pounds. In adopting the test at Harvard candidates for the varsity football teams and the crew must score at least 30,000 foot pounds. The varsity baseball team class, football teams and crews are men competing in wrestling and boxing in the gymnasium, must score 70,000 foot pounds, and all other athletes 50,000. Any man trying for a scholarship must score 50,000.

Mrs. L. A. Godard Dies. Nancy J. Godard, a pioneer of 1852, died at her home in Portland last night. She was the wife of L. A. Godard, and was 82 years old.

End of the Great Horse Sale. NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—The Fasig-Tipton horse sale ended today, the grand total of the sale having been 441 head, bringing \$168,170.

Singers and public speakers will find Pies' Cure for Consumption an effective cure for throatness.

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