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AMUSEMENTS.

MAQUAM GRAND THEATRE. Tonight at 8:15 o'clock, Augustus Thomas' "Arizona".
THE BAKER THEATRE. Evening at 8:15, "Christopher, Jr."

WANT PORTLAND BONDS.—From the number of letters of inquiry in regard to the \$50,000 of bonds to be issued by the City of Portland, to refund bonds due May 1, 1901, it would seem that cities as well as men may bring themselves into prominence by going in. Daily Auditor Devin receives a lot of letters from bankers and brokers in all parts of the East asking for information in regard to the financial condition of the city. Yesterday morning ten such letters were handed to him by the auditor, and they have been coming in at about the same rate for some time. These have all to be replied to. The desired information is furnished in the form of printed financial statements of the City of Portland, dated March 1, 1903, copies of ordinance number 11,320, authorizing the issuance and sale of \$50,000 of bonds of the city for the purpose of refunding a former issue, and a copy of section 113 of the present charter authorizing the city to issue and dispose of said bonds. These contain all the information that is required and expected of the city by the bondholders. The bonds due May 1, 1901, were not paid at that time, but the city has since then paid the same and no authority for the issuance of refunding bonds. The bonds were taken by local parties when due at a premium, and the interest thereon has been paid. Otherwise the city would have been in a very awkward position. Mr. Smith, the auditor, has never defaulted in the payment of any of its obligations. There is no controversy or litigation pending or threatened, affecting the corporate existence, or the boundaries of Portland, Or., or the title of its present officials to their respective offices, or the validity of the proposed bonds.

MR. SMITH'S DEATH.—Mr. Ferdinand C. Smith, who died at the family residence, 28 Twelfth street, Monday morning, at 8:15 o'clock, was long a resident of this city, having come to Oregon in the '60s. He was born in the city of Portland, in 1854. He came to the United States at the age of 17, and lived for a time in Chicago and Rockford, Ill. At the latter place he married Miss Lucinda H. Johnson, who is now residing in Portland. Mr. Smith was one of the organizers of the Oregon Iron & Steel Works, and a member of the firm of Smith Bros. & Watson. He was a member of the Grand Lodge, A. F. O. E. He leaves five daughters, Mrs. C. C. Smith, Mrs. R. H. Wallace, Mrs. O. A. Lyman, Mrs. Laura B. Darden and Mrs. W. C. Holman. The funeral will be held from the family residence, 28 Twelfth street, at 2 P. M. Thursday, March 13.

PLANS FOR PUBLIC MARKET.—Just how the parties are who desire to remove the old pavilion and build a market on the block so long ago presented to the city for that purpose has not yet been made public, but it is expected that their offer and the plans for the proposed market will be handed in today. The market is to be of the most approved modern style, in brick and steel, floored with asphalt, and is to cost \$30,000. There is not likely to be any hitch in the negotiations, as all concerned are evidently anxious to get rid of the old pavilion and have a proper market built. There is every inclination to give the parties who propose to do this a fair show, and as favorable conditions, in regard to lease, etc., as is possible.

EXCESSIVE RUCCORD OF 1902.—An error was made yesterday in printing the comparative statement of the amount of taxes collected last Saturday and the greater amount collected in any one day in 1902. The amount collected last Saturday was \$356,000, and it was stated that the largest amount collected in any one day last year was \$268,000. Sheriff Storey says there is an error of \$100,000 in the last mentioned sum. The largest amount collected in any one day in 1902 was \$356,000, and, therefore, the sum collected last Saturday was \$128,000 greater than the amount collected in any one day in 1902. This he thinks very creditable to his clerks, as he has ten fewer than were employed last year.

ACCIDENT TO STRAIGHT.—At the Astoria on Monday evening, her crankpin dropped out when opposite Cathlamet, and the sudden removal of the strain on the engine made trouble. The pitman crosshead and cylinder-head were blown out and flung overboard in a jiffy, naturally disabling one of the engines. The engine came to the wharf and was towed to Portland with one engine, arriving here yesterday morning. While she is being repaired, the Mascot has been put on the Astoria route in her place, and the Leona has taken the Mascot's place on the Lewis River route temporarily.

WATCH MAN IN A FIT.—A large crowd gathered at Third and Morrison streets last night to watch the painful contortions of C. B. Widmer, a clerk in Worcester's fruit store, at Seventh and Morrison streets, who had a fit, and after exhausting himself, lay in an insensible condition. The patrol wagon was hastily summoned, and the afflicted man was taken to the police station, where he gradually recovered. Widmer lives at 633 East Stark street. He says that he frequently has fits of this kind. His last one was about six months ago. He has no control over himself, and the spells come on suddenly.

BUILDING NEAR MOUNT SCOTT.—Persons who ride out to Leona on the Mount Scott Railway are astonished to see the building improvements under way along the line. At Woodmere, about a mile north of Leona, George W. Brown has five houses practically ready for occupancy. The houses are of the best of the land, a mile or so nearer the city, he is building eight or nine more. They are all modern-style cottages of six or seven rooms, and of very neat appearance. Others will be started as soon as these are completed.

TO THE WOOLBROWERS.—Wanted, 20,000 pounds of mohair for Eastern mills. To-day's Eastern quotations are 15 cents to 25 cents per pound, for choice combing. We grade and pack for Eastern shippers, and sell direct to the mills for growers, saving two or three middlemen's profits. Send samples and quantities to the Pacific Warehouse Company, Wool Growers' Selling Agents, Portland, Or. Warehouse, Tenth and Northrup streets; office, 533 Failing building. F. Carter, Manager.

ELK FROM GRAY'S HARBOR.—Five handsome elk are at the Portland stockyards. The party consists of a buck, two does and two fawns. The deer arrived yesterday from Gray's Harbor, and will be in the yards for about three weeks. They will then be shipped on to Los Angeles, where they will be sold to the proprietor of a public garden. The steamer Alliance will take them as far as San Francisco.

CENTRAL W. C. T. U. MEETING.—The Central W. C. T. U. holds its regular session this afternoon at 2:30 in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. Mrs. Marsters, of Roseburg, will be present.

SPRING OPENING AT MEYER & FRANK'S.—A day. A gorgeous display of all high-class merchandise. Music and flowers to emphasize the greeting.

PROF. BLOOM'S class in dancing will meet Saturday, 9 o'clock, Alisky Hall, Third and Morrison. New pupils solicited.

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COMPANY B. O. N. G. dance Friday evening, March 20, instead of 27.

DR. NICHOLS are located in rooms 424-427 Imperial Hotel.

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Dr. Skiff, dentist, 13 Russell Bldg.

JAPANESE MERCHANT HERE.—K. Takahashi, a prominent merchant and exporter of Kobe, Japan, arrived here yesterday to look over the prospects for securing trade here. He came to Tacoma about a week ago, and has been looking over the prospects for business there, and he will now spend a week acquainting himself with the products of Oregon. He is staying at a Japanese boarding-house, 53 North Fourth street. Yesterday morning he visited the establishment of Closser & Dovers, and spent some time in their sample-room, acquiring information in regard to the way in which the tea, coffee and spice business is handled here. Mr. Takahashi is much pleased with what he has seen and learned of business in the Northwest, and has firmly made up his mind to devote much of his time to building up a more extensive and prosperous trade between Japan and Oregon.

NOT A PEACH, BUT AN ALMOND TREE.—The tree in the grounds of H. W. Corbett, which has several times received credit for being the earliest peach tree in the city to bloom, turns out not to be a peach tree at all, but a flowering almond, one of those Japanese curios which produce vast numbers of flowers, but no fruit. The flowers have several rows of petals, while the blossoms in peach or almond trees which bear fruit have only one row of petals. Judge Bellinger has a peachy almond tree on his grounds which bears a good crop of fine, large almonds every year. He usually harvests several hundred, but has never been able to measure and ascertain how many hundreds the boys steal off the lower limbs. These go in the same class as the many other things, which recall, "O, bubbles of the vanished wine, which my lips have never met."

TABLE ERIQUETTE FOR HOUSES.—People in the commission district on Front street are not likely to pass the noon hour without being reminded that it is lunch time, and the delicious fragrance of the pressmen and others which are lined up along the sidewalks in that section a little before 12 M., eating their lunches out of nosegays. One passing them cannot fail to note that the habits of horses in partaking of food are as different as those of men. Of course, horses do not shovel their food into their mouths with knives, or anything of that sort, but some put their nosegays on the pavement, and eat carefully without wasting their oats, while others toss their heads in the air constantly, turning the contents fall down their throats, and so spill half their food on the street.

NEW DEPUTY FOOD AND DAIRY COMMISSIONER.—H. V. Tartar is the new deputy commissioner for State Food and Dairy Commissioner J. W. Bailey to fill the position vacated by the resignation of T. G. Cutlip. Mr. Tartar is a native of Polk County, and a graduate of the class of 1902 of the Oregon Agricultural College. He also took a special chemical course of eight months in the University of California, which will prove a great help to him in the analytical chemical work of which he will have a great deal to do in Mr. Bailey's office. Governor Chamberlain vetoed the pure-food bill, which provided for a chemist and an appropriation for his office, but he has not yet improved his office by defraying the expense with the balance of last year's appropriation.

MANUFACTURING ENTERPRISE INCORPORATED.—The Manufacturers' Association last evening expressed its hearty indorsement of the Bannockburn Manufacturing Company, which is soon to manufacture clothing in this city. This enterprise has just been incorporated by H. Scott, Charles Copey, F. A. Bancroft and R. W. Wilbur for \$75,000, and will take charge of the Albany Woolen Mills. The plant is in the city, and a factory will be established here to make it up into clothing. The association thought the plan feasible, to be any hitch in the negotiations, as all concerned are evidently anxious to get rid of the old pavilion and have a proper market built. There is every inclination to give the parties who propose to do this a fair show, and as favorable conditions, in regard to lease, etc., as is possible.

THE MEYER & FRANK COMPANY announces for today a superb Spring display of millinery, cloaks, furs, silks, dressings and all lines of high-class merchandise. The store is beautifully decorated for the occasion, and Weber's Mandolin and Guitar Club will render music this afternoon, from 2 to 5 o'clock. A treat is in store for all lovers of fine wearing apparel.

DR. KENNETH A. J. MACKENZIE has taken offices temporarily in rooms 638 and 660 Worcester building, Third and Oak streets. Office hours from 2 until 5 P. M.

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TO IMPROVE HIGHLAND. Services of Children Enlisted in Beautifying the Suburb.

A very successful meeting of the Highland Improvement Association was held at the Highland School, East Sixth and Wygant streets, last night. There was a large attendance, the meeting being held to encourage the Highland School children in their work of beautifying the suburb.

A pleasing programme had been prepared and was well rendered by the young people who participated. Miss Lela Goddard, second by George Smith in a charming manner. Mr. C. W. Miller gave an excellent parody entitled, "I'm Goin' to Clean Up This Highland Town."

Miss Clementine Culler gave a recitation, followed by clapping by the children. Mr. A. P. Flegel then talked to the children in a manner that caught their attention at once. He asked them to assist in cleaning up the Highland district and keeping it clean. It was good, he remarked, for boys and girls to acquire the habit of putting things in their places, and would be very useful when they grew up.

At a former meeting prizes were offered to the children who would write the best essay, telling how they cleaned their yards and vacant lots. Three essays had been prepared and were read by Mr. Miller, Mrs. H. W. Goddard, chairman of the prize committee, awarded the prizes. The first was won by Miss Josie Macabee, second by George Smith and the third by Edward Macabee. The meeting was then adjourned. It is the intention to arouse the interest of the children, thus gaining their support and assistance in beautifying the Highland district.

ONE MORE INSTANCE OF CARELESS BOY AND FIREARM.

The accidental explosion of a 22-caliber rifle yesterday, caused injuries to Peter Rhoads, who lives in Central addition, from which he will be confined in the hospital for several days.

The gun was in the hands of Adrian Heller. The two boys had recently purchased the rifle for \$1.50 and were sitting on a pile of lumber at Third and Morrison streets. They were waiting for young Heller's father and intended to go into the country and kill birds.

"I believe that a long cartridge will go in the gun," Rhoads said, and took charge of the weapon to make the experiment. He loaded the gun and handed it back to Heller without telling him.

"Don't point that toward me, it is loaded," protested Rhoads a moment later, but Heller did not believe him.

"I'll look and see," answered Heller, and as he started to open the breech the cartridge went off.

BID HIGH FOR CHARITY

LIVELY AUCTION SALE FOR BOXES AT THEATRE BENEFIT.

Council of Jewish Women Receive \$700 for Industrial School Fund.

At the Concordia Club last evening a very lively auction sale of boxes for the Baker Theatre benefit to the Portland Industrial schools was conducted under the auspices of the Council of Jewish Women. It resulted in the addition of about \$700 to that benevolence and assured the success of the benefit performance on March 30.

The club hall was filled early with representatives of local Jewish society, business and professional people. Several members volunteered their services as auctioneer and a good deal of earnestness for the cause was displayed. The bidding was animated from the start, particularly for choice of large boxes. The choice was finally secured for \$24, while about \$25 was the average high bid for the other, smaller boxes. The staidster was induced to yield the hammer. Thereupon a new deal was called and many bidders gallantly raised their bids for the boxes already knocked down to them. The \$25 box was donated by the holder back to the cause and was promptly resold for \$70. This generous example induced several others to donate their boxes for resale and enthusiasm was boundless. The highest price realized for any box was \$100. Three others brought respectively \$70, \$60 and \$50. All the remainder sold for \$20 to \$30.

The bidders were Ben Seeling, Sam Simon, Sigmund Frank, T. B. Wilcox, George L. Baker, L. Samuel, Isaac White, L. N. Fiedlerman, Mark Meyer, Martin Rosenbaum, B. Neuman, Gus Simon, E. Ehrman, Mrs. Helen Leach Corbett, H. W. Corbett, Maurice Rheinstein, Walter C. Burns, H. E. Lewis, H. C. Bowers, A. Rothchild, L. Lowengart, Charles Kohst.

Tickets may be exchanged for reserved seats at Aldrich's Pharmacy, Wednesday, March 25, and tickets still may be had by application to the ticket committee.

No effort will be spared by Manager Baker to make this benefit the banner performance at his theatre. The play will be "Miss Hobbs," a new comedy of great interest, and elaborate preparations for it are being made.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"Arizona" Continues to Draw Crowded Houses at Marquam.

"Arizona," Augustus Thomas' greatest American drama, now playing a week's engagement at the Marquam Grand Theatre, was last night witnessed by an enthusiastic audience as on the opening night. The play is being given in one of the best that has ever visited Portland. The company is excellent, and, mounted as it is with every attention to detail, makes one feel he or she has spent an evening long to be remembered.

Baker Theatre's Star Attraction.

The Baker Theatre turns away hundreds of people every night since last Sunday evening when "Christopher, Jr." took its place on the stage of this popular playhouse as one of the season's best attractions. A repetition of this comedy seems to be called for, but this is hardly possible, as the programme of plays at the theatre for the rest of the season has already been arranged, and therefore cannot be changed. The story of Christopher Colt, the hero of the play, is so charmingly told in this production that it is no wonder that the vast audiences which have been filling the Baker since last Sunday evening should be delighted. "Christopher, Jr." will be on the boards at the Baker Theatre for the rest of the week, with matinee on Saturday.

Fine Battle Scene.

"It is the finest example of a battle that I have ever seen away from the genuine field of action." This is what General Nelson A. Miles said about the battle scene in "Shenandoah." This greatest of war dramas will be on the boards at the ever popular Baker Theatre all of next week, commencing with matinee next Sunday. Every act in this excellent play is superbly mounted with new and special effects. This is the first time that "Shenandoah" can be seen at popular prices. In the great battle scene 100 people will participate. These will include cavalry, infantry and artillery. "There are many dramatic situations in this play. It is a play that tells of the feelings which existed at the time of the War of the Rebellion. 'Shenandoah' is the best war drama ever written by the best of dramatists, Bronson Howard.

"The Darkest Hour" at Cordray's.

"The Darkest Hour," Lincoln C. Carter's spectacular comedy-drama, will be produced for the first time in this city at Cordray's for one week, starting matinee Sunday, March 22. It is said to contain a story of intense heart interest, relieved by many bright and witty spurts of laughable comedy. The acting company is made up of select and intelligent many well-known faces, among whom is Charles A. (Karl) Gardner, the greatest German singing comedian on the stage today. Ladies and children's matinee Saturday.

Famous Woman and Play.

That famous actress, Kate Claxton, in her equally famous play, "The Two Orphans" will be seen at the Marquam Grand Theatre Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, March 22, 23 and 24. Miss Claxton, of course, will be seen here as the orphan blind girl Louise, a part that she has played many hundreds of times, with a skill and pathos that have never been equaled by any one in a similar part. The advance sale of seats will open next Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

PERSONAL MENTION.

F. D. Kinyon, a stockman from Arlington, is at the Imperial.

C. Bartsch, a well-known fruitgrower of Hood River, is at the Imperial.

Moses Fuchs, a dry goods merchant of Baker City, is at the Portland.

Samuel White, a well-known politician of Baker City, is at the Imperial.

George W. McBride and wife, of St. Helens, are registered at the Imperial.

S. Elmore, a prominent salmon packer and politician of Astoria, is a guest of the Portland.

James P. Thorne, who is interested in mining property near Roseburg, B. C., is registered at the Perkins.

Mrs. Walter Reed, contralto, has recovered from her recent illness, and will be heard Sunday in the Cathedral choir.

E. A. Leman, of Mount Angel, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Leman is the editor of the Mount Angel Magazine.

Zoeth Houser, formerly United States Marshal, is in the city. Mr. Houser is devoting his attention to mining property now.

W. A. Abernethy, a mining promoter who claims to have discovered extensive oil fields near Valdez, Alaska, is registered at the Perkins.

George L. Baker, manager of the Baker Theatre, returned last night from a three day trip to Seattle, where he was ranging for the forthcoming engagement of the Baker Stock Company, which opens at the Seattle Theatre April 12 after its all-Winter appearance in Portland.

George Beale, superintendent of the Pillar Rock cannery, who has been in the city for some time securing supplies, engaging hands, etc., left for home last night, taking along a Chinaman, who will

be set at work making cans until the fishing season opens. There are also boats to be overhauled, repaired and painted, sails to be overhauled and repaired, and new sails to have cork and lead lines put on, and a vast amount of work to be done to have everything ready for business when the season opens. The cannery operates on Millar's Sands, and there are launches and horses to be provided to haul the seine.

J. P. Weyerhaeuser, a wealthy timber man and principal owner of the timber, buying syndicate which bears his name, passed through the city yesterday on his way to Puget Sound.

NEW YORK, March 17.—(Special.)—Northwest people registered in this city today as follows:
From Portland—T. K. G. Smith, at the Victoria.
From Seattle—C. G. Austin, at the Grand Union.

EASTERN MAN LOST.

Local Law Firms Prevent Money Being Shipped Out of Oregon.

Three law firms against one are too many, and Emmonds & Emmonds yesterday found themselves in a much less enviable position than three firms that opposed them in a case before Justice Reid.

It was a case of R. E. Youman vs. A. R. Zeltine, but that tells nothing of the story. It was because A. R. Zeltine, proprietor of an Eastern firm, had tried four law firms in Portland before he finally found one that he wanted to do his business. The suit was brought, Emmonds & Emmonds were the final choice of Zeltine, but they got less money for services rendered than the firms who had been tried and found wanting in the past.

Zeltine had a bill to collect in Portland, and wanted to know if it could really be turned into cash. He asked Pipes & Tift, Durand & Moser and Schnabel & Schnabel, but what was the answer? These firms were not shown in the case. Emmonds & Emmonds were next communicated with and undertook to collect the bill. Fifty dollars was collected, and so the story goes, the percentage allowed for the service was about 50.

The three firms, who had tried for this honor and lost, learned by hook or crook that there was \$50 of Mr. Zeltine's money in the city, and determined to have pay for the trouble they had been put to.

Three bills for \$10 each were placed in the hands of Youman to collect and the three cases came on before Justice Reid yesterday. Emmonds & Emmonds made a strong plea, but the Judge naturally being in lawyers' hands, was not in a judgment was rendered, and the three firms that failed to make good with the haughty man of the East will receive \$10 each for being tried, while the successful aspirant for Eastern favors will receive \$5 for collecting the money.

WHERE TO DINE.

Finest steaks, coffee, desserts and pastries. Portland restaurant, 305 Washington.

Special six-course dinner at the Imperial Hotel restaurant today, 50 cents; second floor; table elevator, 12 to 15 P. M.

Joy Over Arrival of California Fruit.

Marketmen and grocers were made happy and Front street blossomed like a rose yesterday by the arrival of a large assortment of vegetables and citrus fruits from California. The sidewalks in the commission-house district were crowded with crates, baskets and barrels of fruit. One dealer who could not occupy the whole sidewalk otherwise placed several barrels upside down along the curb and piled lot of horseradish roots in the bottoms as high as possible to add to his display. The special policeman is "laying" for him, and will make things hotter than horseradish for him.

Accepts Library Position.

Miss Harriet Hasler, a graduate of the Pratt Institute Library School, Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1888, and who has had library experience in Chicago, has accepted a position in the children's department of the Portland Public Library. El Mercurio, a Spanish weekly newspaper published at Santiago, can now be found in the library periodical-room, and will no doubt be welcomed by those studying the Spanish language.

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