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AMUSEMENTS.

CORDELL'S THEATRE—This evening at 8:15
 "The Fatal Wedding."
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IMPROVEMENTS IN KAMM BUILDING.

The sound of the saw and the hammer was heard in the second story of Kamm's building, on the northeast corner of First and Washington, yesterday, causing many to imagine that the building was being torn down, as the upper part has long been unoccupied. One of the tenants on the ground floor when asked if the building was being torn down said: "Not much. It is being improved, and a room is being made upstairs for a paint shop. There is no probability of the building being removed or replaced at present, as all the tenants have received notice of an increase in rent to go into effect May 1. This is a 20 to 30 per cent increase, the largest rooms, which have been paying \$10 per month, now being placed at \$15. The increase is not large, but as the number of tenants is large it will amount to considerable in the aggregate. On the first street front, 1904 and 1906 are occupied by a law firm, 119 by an employment agent; there is a shoe store in 1105, a printing office in 1112, a cigar store in 1113, a 5-cent coffee-and-cake joint in 1114, and the corner room is occupied by a real estate broker, who has no number. The numbers for the 100 feet front being vacated. The number of stores and shops in the 100 feet front on Washington street is not so large, but furnish room for a carpenter shop, a dealer in harness, carriages and harness, a plumber and the painter, who is going into the upper story on the corner. They are all pleased to think that they are not to be turned out by the tearing down of the building."

FIVE-MINUTE STREET-CAR SERVICE.

The City & Suburban Railway will commence Saturday morning operation under a new schedule that is to provide for a five-minute service on the Montavilla line. Cars will run on a 75-minute schedule on East Ankeny street. These schedules are to be maintained during the morning, afternoon and evening. A five-minute schedule will be maintained on the Montavilla line as far as Sunnyside. Beyond that point cars will be operated on a ten-minute schedule. The five-minute service is provided for the morning, afternoon and evening. It appears that the change is simply to provide afternoon and evening service upon the same schedule. Complaints of an intermittent service on East Twenty-eighth street are not well founded. It appears that the schedule follows the Montavilla car route, and on Twenty-eighth street whenever its schedule will permit, and this the railway authorities have intended should be an extra service, granted when the Montavilla line cars go out that street the 20-minute service would be maintained and the occasional more frequent service is merely a bonus.

JOBS AND NONS TO TAKE THEM.

Employment agents complain that while they are prepared to furnish work for 500 men, and while there are many men applying for work, for some reason they find it difficult to procure men to take the kind of work and the wages offered. There is demand for many section hands on railroads at \$2.50 and \$3.00 per day, but the Italians, who are doing most of this work, now want \$2.00 to \$2.25, the wages paid to woodchoppers, etc. There is work for many men as farm hands and milkers at \$10 to \$15 per month, but many who are sent to farms to do such work complain that there is too much work to do, or that they do not like milking. Even Chinese and Japs say they want the same wages as white men get. Agents say that many of the men who are looking for work are afraid of finding it, but they occasionally have calls from men not long from the East, who have not yet picked up the hard work style, and are ready and willing to work.

TAKES A COURSE IN EMBALMING.

A number of furniture dealers from various towns throughout the Northwest have been in the city for the past two weeks, taking a course of instruction in embalming. They say that in small towns the furniture dealers have to attend to the undertaking business, as well as the furniture business, and that they are not able to keep a man busy. One of the visiting students of embalming has been notified that there have been seven deaths in his town in the last few days since he left, which has greatly astonished him, as the deaths there usually average not more than three a month. He has received his diploma, and is anxious to get back home.

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES MEET.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the parlors, 211 Eleventh street. The first hour of the meeting will be devoted to business and to the discussion of several brief papers relative to the times, "From Barnard to Luther." At 3 o'clock Mrs. E. J. Mann, of the First Presbyterian Church Auxiliary, has kindly consented to give a talk on "Jerusalem and the Holy Land," after which Miss Margaret Beharrell will sing "The Holy City." Mrs. Talbot and the officers of the society will be pleased to welcome all women interested.

OLD BUILDING SETTLES.

Owing to the decay of the sills and wooden underpinning of the old board-and-batten house at 47 Front street, near Hall, the structure settled down about two feet Wednesday evening, till it rested on the ground. This totally wrecked a porch extending across the front, the second story of which was supported by the pillars supporting it down the steep front of the lot and carried a portion of the fence out on the sidewalk. No one was hurt, and the family inhabiting the shack was not disturbed, but so gently that they hardly knew of their descent. The front entrance to the building is inaccessible, but this inconvenience has but little effect on the family.

TO WATCH NIGHTWATCHMEN.

A government official who has been making measurements in the Postoffice building says that the Government is preparing to place a fire alarm and night-watch box on every floor of every Government building, so that nightwatchmen may report at stated intervals during the night to show that they are on the alert. The cause of this is that some nightwatchmen are in the habit of absenting themselves from duty too often and too long at a time.

MANY INQUIRIES ANSWERED.

The records of the Board of Trade show that over 20 letters and inquiries have been answered, and nearly 200 pieces of literature, concerning the resources of Oregon, have been distributed during the month of March. The business of the Board of Trade is rapidly increasing, and Secretary Stillwell under the time pressure overwhelmed with inquiries from Eastern people who are desirous of seeking homes in Oregon.

PORTLAND KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW.

April 15-18. Entries close April 8. Don't delay. W. W. Peaslee, secretary, 435 Stark building.

MYER & FRANK COMPANY require several experienced alterations ladies' garments.

Apply before 10 A. M. today.
 DR. SKIFF, dentist, 18 Russell bldg.
 DR. BROS., dentists, the Palling.
 DR. ALLEN, dentist, 40-41, Labbe bldg.

Chinese Phantasies Are Scarcely.

HAISEY, Or., April 2.—(Special).—That the Chinese phantasies must either have more rigid protection or be exterminated is a fact that is gradually being demonstrated. The birds are less numerous this spring than they have ever been, and it is remarkable to see more than a dozen in a

drove. A few male birds may be seen throughout the country, but the hennas are missing.

Many of the local hunters attribute this to the fact that the hen is not so bold as the male bird, and consequently hides closer, but the majority of the local gunners attribute the scarcity of the female birds to the fact that they lay closer than the males, and the unusual amount of hunting last season caught the lady phantasies while the cocks became more timid and flushed long before the gunners came near.

In the face of all this the sportsmen season will find themselves face to face with the truth that the Chinese pheasant, the pride of Oregon's upland birds, is rapidly being exterminated.

SEEK HOME FOR OLD HORSE

Fire Committee Leth to Sell a Worthy Animal at Auction.

A superannuated fire-engine horse was one of the principal topics of discussion at the meeting of the fire committee of the Executive Board yesterday afternoon. This worthy old animal has been in the retired list for several weeks, and Chief Campbell wanted to know what should be done with the horse. The committee was up at a meeting of the Executive Board some time ago, but the purchasing committee, which is also the selling committee, has done nothing since.

Chief Campbell has a farm, with decent treatment," said the Chief. "As it is now, he is simply eating his head off. I was offered \$25 for him, but I don't think that he would have been sold by an advertised auction. Now if we do that he may be sold to some one who will run him to death on an express wagon. As he has been a faithful old horse, I don't think that it is the right way to treat him."

The other members of the committee, including Mayor Williams, thought that a good home should be found for the horse. The committee is now looking for a home for the horse. The horse is now in the hands of the fire committee.

Several of the committee members presented "request" numbers, those that had been stamped with approval by the audience at previous meetings. These were like old friends, and were exceedingly welcome. For instance, many people who have attended the symphony concerts

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This concert finishes the work of the Portland Symphony Orchestra for the season. The conductor, Edgar E. Courson, is to be congratulated on the great success of the season. The orchestra has given a most successful season, and the good feeling existing between members and conductor.

Farewell to Baker Stock Company.

Sincere regrets were expressed on the part of the audience at the farewell meeting of the Baker Stock Company. Starting Sunday afternoon, April 5, this extremely popular organization will present Austin D. Baker, a well-known actor.

The Baker Stock Company has enjoyed a season of 11 weeks of the greatest financial success ever accorded a theatrical enterprise in this or any other city in the United States. It has been an artistic success is conceded by every one, for the reason that crowded houses have greeted the company night after night during the entire season, and many nights people were turned away unable even to secure standing room. Next week a run that Manager Baker can well be proud of, and every performance next week a souvenir will be given each lady that attends the Baker Theatre.

Harry Corson Clarke follows for a two weeks' engagement.

Next Week at Cordray's.

"Reaping the Harvest," a big scenic production, is given this season for the first time at popular prices and the cast is still headed by the very clever author and manager, Harry Corson Clarke. In support are Eleanor Kent as Louise, the Imimitable Nellie Carmen as the Black Mammy, George Rowe as Edward Meeker, Lillian Johnstone as Marie Morley, and other capable people. The great illuminated snow scene, the picturesque Christmas Eve scene and the historical St. James Cathedral of Louisville, are the scenic features of the engagement. For one week at Cordray's, commencing Sunday matinee, April 5, a special ladies' and children's matinee Saturday will be held.

Sale for Al G. Field's Minstrel.

This morning at 10 o'clock the sale of seats will open for Al G. Field's Greater Minstrel, who come to the Marquam Grand Theatre next Monday and Tuesday nights, with a popular matinee on Wednesday.

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Symphony Concert.

Intermezzo from "Nella," by Delibes.
 "In Autumn," by Tschalkowsky.
 Introduction and "Rondo Capriccioso," by Saint-Saens.
 "Album Leaf," by Wagner.
 Fly minuet from "Der Bajazzo."
 "Valse Lente," op. 88, by Frank Richter.
 "Adagio," by Tschalkowsky.
 "Berceuse," by Chopin.
 "Scotch Symphony," by Mendelssohn.
 Andante con moto—Allegro in poco agitato.
 Tempo Primo—Vivace non troppo.
 Allegro vivacissimo—Allegro maestoso assai.

For selections which caught the fancy of the audience, splendid orchestral effects and skillfully arranged programme.

The concert of the fourth season of the Portland Symphony Orchestra, given last night before a brilliant audience at the Marquam Theatre, was the most successful of the present series. Paul West-

singer, baritone, had intended singing three songs—Grieg's "Ich Liebe Dich," Franz "Stille Sicherheit," and Schumann's "Ich Grolle Nicht," but almost at the last moment he found himself suffering from an attack of grip, and was unable to be present. There was no time left to arrange for another singer, and Mrs. Sherman D. Brown, violinist, who was down on the programme to play the violin, was called upon to play the violin solo, "Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso," by Saint-Saens, along with the orchestra, kindly agreed, at a moment's notice, to play two violin solos.

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