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AMUSEMENTS.

THE BAKER THEATER—Evening at 8:15, "Ferncliff."

CORDRAY'S THEATER—This afternoon at 2; evening, 7:30. Edward Shields' "Continuous Vaudeville."

Y. M. C. A. AUDITORIUM—Last number Star course, Dr. A. A. Willits, in "Sunshine."

WASHINGTON STREET IMPROVEMENT.—The improvement of the right of way of the Portland Street Railway Company on Washington street is progressing finely and will soon be completed and one of the best improved rights-of-way in the city. The relaying of the track with heavy grooved rails and paving between and along side them with stone blocks, was completed from Fifth to Tenth streets on the day President Roosevelt arrived in the city, and yesterday the work of improving that section of the street between Tenth and Sixteenth streets, in the same manner, was commenced. The section from Sixteenth to the top of the hill at St. Clair street, was improved last year, and this year the section from Twenty-third street to the entrance of the City Park and the fine 200-foot long brick barn of the company have been completed. A great amount of stone blocks for use on the street has been accumulated out near Sixteenth street. They are 4x4x6 inches and all of perfect shape, almost as true to square as if they had been cut instead of broken out, and will make a durable pavement.

SKYLARKS HAVE RETURNED.—The public will be pleased to learn that the skylarks, which it was feared had deserted the city, have returned. A number of them put in an appearance in their old haunts near the intersection of Hawthorne avenue and the eastern boundary of the city at 10:30 Sunday morning, and appeared to be as happy to be back as the people in that neighborhood were to see them. These larks always sing their sweetest notes and more of them in showery weather. As yesterday was just suited to their taste they were out in full force (they are not numerous) and they soared and sang the greater part of the day, as if to express their joy at being back in Oregon, and to make up for lost time, for they are behind time in arriving this season. The residents along Hawthorne avenue and all around the open tracts where these larks have their haunts will keep a bright lookout for their protection and the small boys with nasty little guns, who go prowling about trying to shoot them and hunting for their nests to break them up, may be summarily dealt with.

DEATH OF A PIONEER WOMAN.—The death of Elizabeth, wife of J. A. Newell, of the East Side, completes the record of a patriotic struggle for life of a pioneer woman who was long and well known to the community in which for more than a third of a century she had made her home. Mrs. Newell, as Miss Elizabeth Montgomery, was one of the early school teachers of this city, and in that capacity she is still remembered by some of our older citizens. She had a quick and intelligent mind and was throughout all her life a tireless reader and student. In recent years she has suffered severe family bereavement in the loss of three children from consumption and finally herself succumbed to the same disease, though fighting its progress at every stage with an intelligence and persistence that distinguished her character. Mrs. Newell died at Redlands, Cal., whither she went accompanied by her husband five weeks ago. Four children, one daughter and three sons, together with her husband survive her.

PAY LICENSES TO PRACTICE MAGIC.—License Collector McEachern has at last succeeded in inducing all the palmists, astrologers, soothsayers, clairvoyants and mediums, who practice indifferently as mesmerists, vibrators, magnetic healers, etc., to pay their licenses, which amount to only $15 per quarter. There are only 18 of these practitioners in the city, but they are just as skillful as the sorcerers, soothsayers and fortune tellers of ancient times and can reveal ones fate by scanning the palm, turning cards or calling up spirits from the vasty deep. They charge anything from 50 cents to $50, according to the style of person employing them. Collector McEachern has had a desperate struggle to get them all to pay their license, but as he now has them all on the list will not have so much trouble with them in the future.

THE country people are all coming to Portland, Sunday, May 31, 1903, to see the big show at Hawthorne Park. This is the third annual excursion and picnic given by Sunset Lodge, No. 130, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. A first-class up-to-date entertainment will be given to amuse the big crowds. The people of Portland will be given an opportunity to see their friends from the country and at the same time be entertained by the best out-door show of the season. No liquors will be sold on the grounds. Perfect order will be maintained. Admission 25 cents. *

VERY low excursion rates have been placed in effect by the Northern Pacific Railway Company. Tickets will be on sale June 4, 5, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, and on July 15 and 16, and again on August 25 and 26. This affords an excellent opportunity for all to visit points in the East at a very low rate. Full particulars will be furnished on application in person or by letter to A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent, 255 Morrison street, corner of Third, Portland, Or. *

EARLY RELIGIOUS HISTORY OF OREGON.—With a view of becoming better acquainted with the early religious development of Oregon, the Missionary Society of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, corner of First and Gibbs streets, has asked George H. Himes, assistant secretary of the Oregon Historical Society, to read a paper upon the religious history of Oregon from the beginning up to and including 1852. He has consented, and will submit his paper tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock.

FUNERAL OF MRS. E. O. GRUTZE.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Grutze, wife of Sigel Grutze, Deputy City Auditor, took place on Sunday and was attended by a large number of friends, including most of the officials of the city. Mr. Grutze was at his desk in the City Hall yesterday and expressed himself as sincerely grateful to all the kind friends who have assisted him during the great affliction that has come upon himself and his children.

COLLECTION FOR MONUMENT FUND.—At the memorial service at Calvary Presbyterian Church in which the Third Regiment, Oregon National Guard, and Battery A, Oregon National Guard, and the Spanish-American War veterans and auxiliary corps participated, an offering was gathered amounting to $14 which has been turned in to the monument fund.

BLIND LETTER-CARRIER'S BENEFIT, June 1, at Marquam Grand Opera-House. Tickets on sale at the following places: Rowe & Martin's drug store, Sixth and Washington; Woodard, Clarke & Co., Fourth and Washington; Laue-Davis Drug Company, Third and Yamhill, and all of the B. B. Rich cigar stores.

DEATH OF WARREN FALTS.—Last evening at St. Vincent's Hospital, Warren Falts, aged 52, died after a year's stay in the hospital suffering from asthma. He was formerly a teamster and he came to Portland from North Yakima over a year ago, since which time he has been friendless and destitute.

SPECIAL excursion rates have been named by the Northern Pacific Railway Company to points East. For detailed information call on or address A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent, 255 Morrison street, corner of Third. *

DR. SKIFF has returned; 18 Russell Bldg.

ASPHALTING SEVENTH STREET.—The work of laying an asphalt pavement on Seventh street was commenced in earnest by Superintendent Taylor, of the Trinidad Asphalt Company yesterday. Operations were started at the intersection of Stark and the pavement will be laid south to Alder first. The first thing done was to sweep the concrete foundation perfectly clean. Then trucks loaded with broken stone of small size steeped in asphalt arrived, these loads steaming and asphalt trickling from every crevice in the bottoms. This was spread out over the foundation to form a binder course, 1½ inches in thickness, and was then rolled with a steam roller till perfectly compact. Then asphalt sufficient to make a surface coating two inches in thickness was carefully spread and rolled, and so the work went on. A large force of men and teams was employed and more will be put on today if the weather is favorable, as the company desires to complete the long-looked for pavement as soon as possible. When Seventh street is completed, it will be the best in the city, as the pavement will not have so much slope or crown as the older asphalt streets, and horses driven over it in wet weather will not be liable to slip.

OFFICERS OF HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI.—The alumni of the Portland High School met last evening and elected the following officers: President, Jay H. Upton; vice-president, Miss Alla Mastick; secretary, Miss Verdi Monroe; treasurer, Frank Rowe; executive committee, Fred Noltner and Miss Edna Mastick. President Robert Wendling, who presided, was renominated, but declined the honor. A committee of five was appointed to draft a new constitution and bylaws. A committee of three was appointed to draft resolutions of regret and sympathy to be sent to the family of the late Professor D. P. Haynes. The announcement was made that the annual oratorical contest for the alumni gold medal would be held Friday, June 12. Six contestants are entered, three boys and three girls, and as they represent rival fraternities and societies, interest is intense. It is probable that the alumni will hold the annual reception to the graduates at Canemah Park.

IMPORTED NIGHTINGALE HEARD.—Several years ago a number of nightingales were brought to Portland from Europe with the foreign song birds, as sky larks, etc. The nightingale is a tender little bird and most of them died on the journey here and the few which remained and were turned loose have not increased to any extent. One of these, however, has had its haunt in a little grove near the residence of Mr. Kaiser, one of the clerks in the water-works office, from which it nightly poured forth floods of melody that charmed the people of the neighborhood and robbed Mr. Kaiser of many hours of sleep nightly. He is fond of melody, but was inclined to think the nightingale rather overdid the thing and so complained of it. Lately a nine-pound boy with lusty lungs put in an appearance at the Kaiser residence and now the nightingale no longer keeps him awake with its melodious warblings.

GOT WET BUT REMAINED DRY.—A young "man-about-town" who came out in a new suit of clothes yesterday was obliged to submit to many compliments from friends inclined to josh and was many times asked if he had "wet" his new suit yet. Finally after being guyed by some half dozen fellows until slightly weary, he said he was just going out to wet his suit and invited them all to accompany him. A sprinkle of rain was falling as they went out. He casually mentioned the name of a saloon at some distance and started down the street, the gang following. It rained harder as they went along and he led them around block after block til they were all wet enough and then stepped on a passing car and waved a good-bye to them as he rode away. He would have been pleased if he had heard the remarks made by the deluded ones, who, though wet, were still "dry."

TURTLES ARRIVE IN MARKET.—The season for mud turtles to leave their Winter burrows has arrived, and consequently the first shipment of "terrapin" for this season arrived in the market. They will be in a stew before long. Their distant relatives, the crawfish, so dear to epicures, when boiled in some wine with plenty of pepper and other spices, put in an appearance some time ago, but there was not enough of them to last long and the supply is likely to be very scanty, as all the streams in this region were pretty well cleared of them last season. There are still snails to devour, but they are not large enough nor numerous enough to feed the army of epicures who long for abnormal delicacies and cannot be content with clams and oysters.

NEW ATTRACTIONS IN CITY PARK.—The Park Commissioners have been considering what course to pursue to increase the attractions of the City Park and the pleasure of those who visit it. They have decided to build a handsome band stand at some point in the playground in the vicinity of the Lewis and Clark monument, also to rent privileges for ice cream and soda water stands, and to have a minature railway and a Ferris wheel to furnish pleasure for the little ones. Other attractions for young and old will be supplied during the season, so as to make the Park more than ever a place of public resort.

EXAMINATIONS FOR TEACHERS.—The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on June 29 an examination will be held in this city for the position of teacher in the Philippine Service. From this examination certificates will be made to fill such positions at a salary from $900 to $1200 per annum. Persons desiring to compete should call on Z. A. Leigh, Secretary Board of Examiners, Postoffice Department.

IF YOU have in mind a trip to the East this year, call on or address A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent, 255 Morrison street, corner of Third, Portland, Or., for special excursions that will be run via the Northern Pacific to the East in June, July and August. *

LAST NUMBER STAR COURSE.—Tonight in Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, Dr. A. A. Willits gives his great lecture on "Sunshine." The doctor is known the country over as the apostle of sunshine. He never faces an audience that he does not capture. *

IF YOU are not working, why not go to Hood River to pick strawberries? Plenty of work and good pay. Take Regulator Line steamers from Alder-street wharf, daily 7 A. M. For information 'phone Main 914. *

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Tonight, May 26, at Arion Hall, Corner Second and Oak Streets.

PROGRAMME:

1. "Saengermarsch" ..... H. Schaeffer
2. "Es Steht Eine Lind" .. Erwin Forschner
   Maennerchor.
3. Soprano solo, "O Dry Those Tears" ... Del Riego
   Frl. Ethel M. Lytle.
4. Waldharfen ..... Edwin Schultz
   Maennerchor.
5. Violin solo, Moderato from Third Suite ... Franz Ries
   Frau Sherman D. Brown.
6. Im Grase Thaut's ..... Max Spicker
   Maennerchor.
7. "Beloved, It Is Morn" ..... Alyward
   Frl. Ethel M. Lytle.
8. Columbus Letzte Nacht, Cantata ..... W. Sturm
   Maennerchor.

Baritone solo .....
Herr Paul Wessinger.
Dirigent, Herr Louis Dammasch.
Accompanist, Frl. Pearl Scott.
8:15 P. M. Admission 50 cents.

WHERE TO DINE.

Owing to largely increased business, we have just added some more private dining apartments, some of which are large and very suitable for parties. Portland Restaurant, 305 Washington, bet. 5th and 6th.

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WILL NOT AID GRABBERS

JUDGE BELLINGER ISSUES ULTIMATUM TO THEM.

No More Commissioners Where Land Raids Are Being Made and No More Transfers Allowed.

Judge Bellinger, of the United States Court, has been so pestered of late by petitions asking for the appointment of United States Commissioners in various parts of the state, and asking that Commissioners removing to other localities be allowed to retain their office, that he has deemed it advisable to definitely and firmly declare his intentions in regard to these matters.

He wishes it published for the information of all concerned that he has heretofore adopted a rule not to appoint in any place a second Commissioner, and that he will not make any appointment to fill a vacancy in places where raids are being made upon public lands. He is aware that there are persons who are locating homesteads in good faith, but is also aware that there are but few of these compared with those who are engaged in acquiring title to the timber lands of the country for purposes of speculation.

"I shall not accommodate these, if I can help it," said he, "and such persons as are honestly desirous of acquiring homesteads will have to submit to some inconvenience. I am of the opinion that many of the so-called homesteaders are really speculators who are taking advantage of the homestead laws, in violation of the purposes for which such laws were enacted, to acquire title to public lands in the guise of homesteaders, in order that they may sell the same on speculation. Neither this latter class nor the timber land grabbers shall have any assistance from this office, if I can help it.

"As to the retention of commissionerships in the case of persons removing to another place, I have this to say: These appointments are each made with reference to some particular place, the provision of the law authorizing appointments to be made at such places in the district as the public interests require. To allow one to take his commission and do business in another place is equivalent to an appointment for that place, and I am resolved to make no more appointments in Eastern or Southern Oregon at present."

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Ferncliff.

Despite the rain a large audience saw the Stuart company at the Baker last night in William Haworth's great play, "Ferncliff." The play, although containing lines and situations that bring to memory the late Civil War, is by no means a war play, but a beautiful love story with just enough war sentiment to bring back to memory the many hardships and privations our fathers and grandfathers had to undergo during the struggle between the North and South. Frank Camp as Tom Hewins acquits himself admirably, and not only looks the part of the brave young lad striving against many odds to support his wife and family, and at the same time not forgetting the call to arms. William Harris as Jim Hewins also gives a clever performance. Edward Poland, as the father, does a clever bit of character acting. Helen MacGregor as Annie, Tom's wife, is clever, as she is in all roles intrusted to her.

Excellent Vaudeville Bill.

Everybody attending Cordray's comes away with the expression that Mr. Shields has before the public the best bill in the four weeks' history of his continuous vaudeville entertainments. For a refined, artistic sketch, or sketches, rather, no more capable work has been done in Portland than that of Mr. de Ruiz and Miss Granville. Several quick changes of the very finest costumes are made by these operatic stars. Then there is Mr. Roosevelt in the latest moving pictures. There is "The Irish Lady," who has been keeping the audiences convulsed with laughter since Sunday afternoon. The other six features of the show are of great merit, and last, but not by any means the least, are the Fowler brothers in their marvelous balancing act feats. Matinees are given every afternoon.

For the Spitzner Recital.

The box office at the Marquam Grand will be open this morning for the exchange of reserved seats for those who have tickets for the Spitzner recital Wednesday evening. Those who have not yet procured tickets can also be accommodated.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. Calvin S. White, a pysician of Gervais, is a guest of the Imperial.

B. F. Laughlin, a woolgrower of The Dalles, is registered at the Perkins.

William Moffitt, formerly Mayor of Great Falls, Mont., is at the Imperial.

W. N. Matlock, a prominent citizen of Pendleton, is staying at the Imperial.

W. H. McNair, Chief Deputy United States Marshal at Juneau, Alaska, is at the Imperial.

Charles Gage, capitalist, of Park Rapids, Minn., accompanied by his wife, is a guest of the St. Charles.

Hugh St. Croix, a grandson of the famous explorer of the Middle West, after whom both waterfalls and cities have been named, passed through Portland yesterday on his way to Southern California.

C. L. Gilliland, of this city, who has been in Phoenix, Ariz., for the past year and a half for the benefit of his health, has returned home for the Summer. His health has been much improved and he intends to return to Arizona to spend next Winter.

Colonel D. W. Lockwood, of the Lighthouse Board, will arrive here from Washington, D. C., in a few days. He is on his way to visit Alaska and make a general tour of inspection of the light stations along the coast of that region. No member of the Lighthouse Board has heretofore made an inspection of the Alaska light stations.

John Hunt, for many years a resident of Portland, but who is now living with a daughter in Streeter, Ill., is reported to be very ill and not likely to live long. He has been suffering from an injury to his head, and a short time ago received a cut in the leg, from which blood-poisoning resulted. Mr. Hunt is 80 years of age, and his wife is 83 and very frail.

John H. Lewis, of this city, who have been attending Cornell University for the past two years, writes to his folks here that he has been granted a diploma as Civil Engineer, and has been elected a member of the Sigma Xi honorary fraternity. He has secured a position under the Government, and expects to be assigned to duty on this coast.

NEW YORK, May 25.—(Special.)—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows:

From Portland—J. F. Failing, at the Murray Hill; J. G. McCollum, at the Normandie.

From Seattle—S. Gillespy and J. E. Price, at the Manhattan.

From Pullman, Wash.—Mrs. C. A. White, at the Grand Union.

From Spokane—J. Richards, at the Bartholdi.

From Tacoma—C. P. Masterson, at the Bartholdi.

From Everett, Wash.—C. Campbell and G. A. Weber, at the Bartholdi.

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The Taylor's Ferry road is to be improved for a distance of two miles with crushed rock, and a rock crusher has been started at a point adjacent. It is intended to build permanent roads with crushed rock that will last for years without being touched, but such permanent improvements will be made gradually from year to year, as the county is able.

The Willamette boulevard and Columbia Slough roads, in the vicinity of St. Johns, are being graveled.

Work is to be begun at once in widening the Macadam or White House road to 80 feet, according to the surveys made some time ago, from the city line to Riverview cemetery. Fences and buildings will be moved back to the newly established line.

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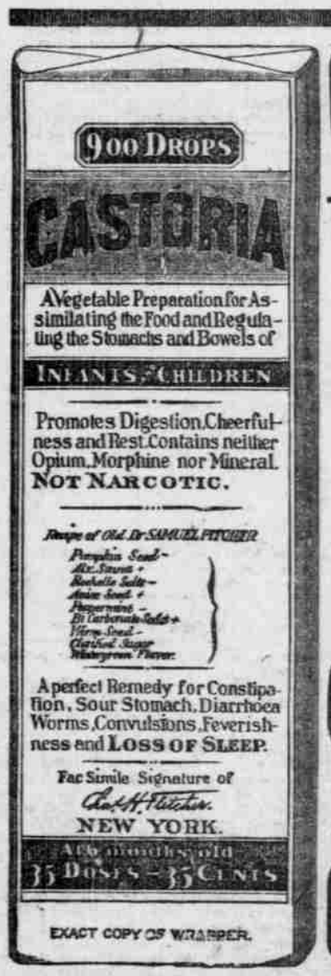

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