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AMUSEMENTS.

EMPIRE THEATER—Twelfth and Morrison. Tonight, vaudeville.

THE BAKER THEATER—Baker stock company in "Arabian Nights."

SHIELDS' PARK—Tonight Summer vaudeville, 8 P. M.

DOES NOT KNOW HIS OLD HOME.—"I don't feel at home in Portland any more; I can't find my old acquaintances nor even recognize the place where I used to live," said J. H. Rodgers, an old resident of this city, lately returned from Alaska, where he has been mining for five years. "The business district is spreading out," he continued, "and stores are taking the place of residences and people are scattering out. I used to room away out Washington street, near Twelfth, far away from the business part of the city, but there are stores on the ground now, and the people I roomed with live out at Irvington and those I knew are scattered from Albina to Woodstock. Of course I expected to find many changes in the business district, but stores are springing up everywhere, with rooming-houses over them, and everybody seems to be proposing to take care of the crowds of visitors expected during the Fair. At Tenth and Washington, where there were two houses, a handsome pressed-brick building 100x100 feet is going up. The ground floor is for stores, and the second and third stories for an apartment-house. Just back of this a large two-story building is raised in the air and a story for stores being built under it. At Eleventh and Washington a handsome two-story building of pressed brick is having a third story put in and an addition built on the rear. At Twelfth and Washington a large one-story building has been elevated and a story for stores is being built under it, and there is a three-story building with stores on the ground floor west of Twelfth. The same change is going on all about that neighborhood, and by the time I come back from another five years' stay in Alaska I shall expect to find this whole section included in the business district, and those now living there located somewhere near the city limits."

DID HEAT KILL THE TREES?—In regard to the four apple trees mentioned a few days ago as having inside of a week dropped their leaves and the fruit with which they were loaded, G. A. Steel, of Meldrum Place, Clackamas County, writes as follows: "In my opinion the trouble referred to was caused by the unusually hot weather on June 7 and 8. The condition of fruit at that time was such as to feel the effect most disastrously. The injury was not confined wholly to apples. Pears and other kinds of fruit were affected in the same way, but to a less degree. Gooseberries and currants in this locality were severely scorched, ruining probably one-half the crop. I have not observed any trees that were killed, or lost their foliage; some of them, however, show the effect of the heat, but I think will recover therefrom. As stated in The Oregonian at the time, 'such warm weather at this season of the year never before occurred in the history of the state,' and such conditions may never occur again." The fact that the four trees were all young, and all heavily overloaded with fruit, which must have weakened them, had probably something to do with the case. The attention of several experts has been called to this singular matter, and a strong effort will be made to ascertain what caused the sudden death of such young and thrifty trees.

SHUT-DOWN OF LOGGING CAMPS.—The arrangement of loggers to close their camps for two weeks will go into effect Wednesday. Several camps have already been closed, and this arrangement will close all the principal ones, and between 2000 and 3000 loggers will be coming to Portland to spend the Fourth. Some of the loggers think that a shut-down of two weeks will not be long enough, and it is probable that another shut-down of the same length will be agreed upon, but whether this is to be continuous with the first two weeks, or to take place after a while, has not been decided. Logging men are of opinion that after the new mills under construction are in operation there will be demand for all the logs they can put into the water. Humes' mill at Astoria, which is to be ready for operation in about a month, will, it is said, be equal to any on the river, having a capacity of 350,000 feet every 24 hours. Rankin's mill at St. Johns, which is ready for business, has a capacity of 75,000 feet, and the new mill at Sellwood is turning out 50,000 feet per day. In addition to these the Standard Box Factory has a mill on the East Side well along toward completion. If the foreign demand for lumber keeps up—and the prospects for this appear favorable—logging men say there will be no trouble about disposing of all their logs for some time.

VANDALISM ON TELEPHONE LINE.—The Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company was put to a good deal of loss and trouble on Saturday by an act of vandalism on the part of some one who evidently knew what he was doing. Its long-distance line to Seattle was disabled all day by being "tied" by a fine magnet wire to a ten-party line near Piedmont, which was on a cross-arm below it. The wire was laid along the top of one arm and down the pole and out on the lower arm in such a way as to be out of sight, and the trouble was therefore very difficult to locate. Not only was the Seattle line disabled, but the subscribers on "Pink and Rus 256" lost the use of their line until the trouble was found and removed. The fact that the connection of the two lines would disable them both was without doubt well known to the man who committed the act.

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC Railway Company will place on sale on the 24th of this month and each following day till June 30, inclusive, and on July 15 and 16 and August 25 and 26, very low excursion rates to points East and return. Tickets will be good for stop-over on both the east-bound and west-bound trips, and final limit for return will be 90 days from date of sale. Call on or write A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent, 255 Morrison street, corner of Third, Portland, Or., for rates, routes and full information. •

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A CAT THAT DIDN'T COME BACK.—A neighborhood in Sunnyside has been for some time infested by a large Maltese cat with a white face, and a most ferocious nature. It belonged to a family which moved back to Missouri. The owners endeavored to take it with them, but it escaped, and, as cats will, "came back." Being thrown on its own resources, it rustled for a living, and when people put out food for their cats this wandering refugee would pounce on them and not only take their food away from them but would claw and bite them shamefully. It thrived and got so big and strong that it could whip all the other cats in the neighborhood. It grew more ferocious and bloodthirsty as time went on, and by degrees maimed and disabled so many cats that all the people for blocks around were on the lookout for a chance to kill it. It seemed, however, to have a charmed life, and escaped uninjured from all the plots and traps laid for it, till it had so thinned out the cats in that section that the food supply began to grow short for it. A few days ago it ventured into a narrow passage between two houses and attacked a cat, the food for which was put out there for safety. The uproar which followed caused the owner of the cat being robbed to rush to its rescue. The woman closed one end of the passage, and the man, seizing a gun, took his station at the other end. The cats were in such rapid motion that he could not get at the bad one without danger of hitting his wife or the wrong cat, so he pushed in till close enough, and then struck at the enemy with the gun. He hit it, but not hard enough to disable it, and it made a rush for the other end of the passage, passing between the feet of the woman there, and so soaring and jostling her that she fell backward and came down in a sitting posture on the cat. As she weighed 180 pounds, it was flattened out like a pancake. When she was raised, the cat managed to crawl under a woodshed near, and nothing has been seen or heard of it since. Some of the neighbors think it has been done for, but others believe it will yet "come back," and are disposing of their feline pets as rapidly as possible.

DON'T WORRY IF FRUIT FALLS.—Many fruitgrowers have been complaining about the young fruit dropping off their trees, and were afraid that the crop would be injured. Men of long experience in fruit culture say there is no danger from the falling off of young fruit, and that, although the appearance of the ground under the trees may be taken to indicate that the trees have shed more fruit than desirable, the crop will be improved by the shedding. Cherries, prunes and Bartlett pears and apples have a tendency to set too thickly on the trees, and if what appears to be the greater part drops off it is all the better. Where there are half a dozen pears or apples in a cluster, it would be better if all but one would drop or be cut out. The remainder would make larger and better fruit and increase the crops. Of course, many do not care to undertake such a job of thinning, but some do it and find that it pays. Olwell Bros., who have 160 acres in apple trees in Southern Oregon, put on a large force, and thin the fruit every year, leaving only one apple in a place. In this way they get larger and finer fruit, and a full crop every year, preserve the strength of their trees and have plenty of buds set for next year. Where the trees are allowed to overbear they exhaust themselves and produce no fruit next year. In many places there would be plenty of apples one year, and the next year was the "not bearing year."

CHUCKHOLES IN SAVIER STREET.—A property-owner who was complaining of the condition of Morrison and several other streets on Saturday afternoon, was invited by an owner of property on Savier street to get into his buggy and take a ride to see the worst street in the city. He was taken out to where Savier street is fenced across, about Twenty-eighth, and then driven at a rather rapid rate down to Fourteenth. The greater part of the street passed over was improved with macadam only about a month ago, but the surface appears to be badly worn and there are many chuckholes or mud-puddles. Judging from the mud which covered the driver and his victim, whose glasses were so bedaubed that he could not see anything, the mud must be pretty deep on Savier street. From Fourteenth they drove up Front, which is not a very tidy street in that part, but seemed clean and dry after what they had been through. The most painful thing about the excursion was having to listen to the driver's remarks about the contractor who improved Savier street, and the quality of the broken stone used.

SHOOTING ALARMS A CHURCH.—Mischievous boys trying their marksmanship within the city limits caused consternation among a gathering of the members of the Central Methodist Church yesterday. The boys were in Montgomery's Gulch, in Albina. They each had a small weapon, and were practicing, perhaps to start a posse in search of Portland's highwaymen. They had only 22-caliber revolvers and a rifle or two, but the report that they made did not sound enticing to the church people, who were holding a meeting directly above the scene of the shooting. With every report of a firearm the good people started in their seats and imagined that they heard a bullet whizzing past their very ears. The boys were not in sight, and may have been shooting into the bank, but the congregation had no way of knowing this fact and was in constant fear of being wounded. Finally one of the members slipped quietly out and telephoned to the police station. Officer Croxford was dispatched to the scene and stopped the disturbance. No arrests were made.

TALL MAN UNDER A TALL TREE.—Near the upper end of Burnside street are several thrifty young elm trees, the spreading branches of which extend across the sidewalk and hang low enough to brush off the hats of passers of ordinary height. Saturday afternoon, just after a shower, a tall man who deals in tall timber and is a great admirer of shade trees, hurried along the sidewalk at that point, and the limbs of one of these trees in front of a blacksmith shop brushed off his slouched hat, and sent a bucket of water down the back of his neck. He lost his temper, and called for an ax to cut the tree down, but, not being able to get one, rushed into the blacksmith shop with the intention of restoring his circulation by whipping the smith. When told that the smith had only been in the place a short time and had nothing to do with the shade trees, the angry man was placated, but raid the owner of that particular tree would do well to trim it at once, if he wished it to live and prosper.

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CLEARING AWAY FIRE WRECKAGE.—The work of clearing away the wreckage from the fire in the Cut-Rate Ticket Office at the southeast corner of Third and Alder streets is fairly under way at last. Many have wondered that it was not begun sooner, but it was necessary to get the insurance adjusted first. There was $4000 insurance on the jewelry store adjoining the ticket office.

MISS WATSON HAS RECOVERED.—Miss Laura Watson, who was seriously injured in the street-car accident on Burnside-street bridge a week ago, and was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital, has so far recovered that she was taken home on Saturday. She exhibits but little of the effects of the injury except a bloodshot eye and a discoloration from the bruise on her temple.

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AT THE THEATERS

"Arabian Nights."

Arthur Hummingtop ....George Alison
Ralph Ormerod.....William Bernard
Joshua Gillibrand.....Howard Russell
Dobson ..... Bennett Southard
Mrs. Hummingtop....Cathrine Countiss
Mrs. Gillibrand..... Mina Gleason
Rosa Colombier..... Lillian Rhoads
Daisy Maitland..... Ethelyn Palmer
Barbara ..... Ruby Miguel

Never in all the history of the various successes of the Baker Theater Stock Company have Lillian Rhoads and Howard Russell found parts which fit them to such artistic perfection as those of Rosa Colombier, an "India-rubber girl," attached to a London variety show, and Joshua Gillibrand, an English gilded idler and dude, as seen in Sydney Grundy's sparkling comedy, "Arabian Nights," twice presented yesterday to large audiences at Baker's Theater, under the able direction of Carlyle Moore. The theater rang with laughter. Such a brilliant rendition of the comedy was given that it is easy to believe that the presentation was one of Augustin Daly's great successes in New York. George Alison, as Arthur Hummingtop, a young man suffering from a chronic case of too much mother-in-law, and Mina Gleason, a mother-in-law with the capacity of a criminal lawyer for creating trouble, were the two hardest worked members of the company, and they materially shared in the success of the production.

The comedy does not call for splendid dresses or many rapid changes of scenery—the one picture before the audience is the London morning room of Arthur Hummingtop's house, and the laughable family discord he creates by the many lies he tells to explain his chance meeting with Rosa Colombier during one of his excursions in search of adventures after the fashion of a Caliph of Bagdad. Rosa swings into his family life just as he is expecting the arrival of a niece he had not seen since she was a small girl, Daisy Maitland (Ethelyn Palmer). To cover his temporary confusion he tells his mother-in-law that Rosa is his niece. But a mix-up occurs when Daisy Maitland, the real niece, appears. Then chaos begins, and at the end of the second act when the family generally find themselves married and all related to each other through Hummingtop's lies, all the women faint, and Mr. Bernard, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Southard are loaded down with the weight of fainting women clinging to them. Finally, all the men faint and eight senseless people lie in a row. Mr. Alison is the only one who preserves his equilibrium.

Lillian Rhoads got a glad welcome when she stepped on the boards, and she made a pretty picture, with her black picture hat and red dress. She sang two songs very effectively, Francis' "Little Widow Brown" and Anna Held's great success, Cole's "The Maiden With the Dreamy Eyes." Mr. Russell's make-up was very clever and his eyeglass, pink socks and crutch walking-stick caught the fancy. Ruby Miguel made a pretty maid, and Cathrine Countiss although her lines were few in number, made a confiding, sweet Mrs. Hummingtop. "Arabian Nights" is a most enjoyable production, and will be the attraction at Baker's all week.

Manager Baker announced yesterday that in response to many requests the Baker Theater Stock Company wil be seen next week in the famous drama "East Lynne," which will positively finish the season.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

New Bill at the Empire.

Tonight the Empire Theater will present a new bill to the public, which contains, perhaps, more really good performers than have yet appeared on the same programme in a Portland playhouse. Among them are two singers whose voices have been heard in all the big operahouses of the Orient and many in this country. Arthur Hahn, the Australian basso, has been secured for this week by the Empire management. Last season Mr. Hahn sang with Zelie de Lussan, taking the part of Devilshoof in "The Bohemian Girl." His voice is said to be of exceptional merit, and he will sing such wel-known bass songs as the "Drinking Song," and "Asleep in the Deep." Brooke Eltrym also will appear on tonight's programme. Miss Eltrym has a clear mezzo-soprano voice and her unassuming stage presence has won a host of friends for her in Australian and Californian cities. Miss Eltrym studied under the best masters of Leipzig and Chicago. She was formerly a Portland girl, and is well known in fashionable circles.

Among the other performers are Budd Bros., the wonderful acrobats; Coleman and Menis, the famous team of expert rifle and pistol shots, and Raymond and Clark, a laugh-loosening team of sketch artists. The Empire is comfortable in all kinds of weather, cool when the weather is hot, and dry when it rains. Prices, 30, 20 and 10 cents. Box and loge seats 50 cents.

Daly's Company at the Marquam.

The coming of the famous Augustin Daly Musical Company to the Marquam Grand Theater beginning July 4, for a limited engagement, will introduce to local theater-goers the notable comedian, Harry Vizard, the creator of the eccentric comedy characters in all the Daly Theater productions for the past ten years. During the presentation of the celebrated Daly musical pieces here, Vizard will be seen in his original parts in both "A Runaway Girl" and "The Circus Girl."

The advance sale of seats will open tomorrow (Tuesday) morning at 10 o'clock for Nat C. Goodwin, who comes to the Marquam Grand Theater next Thursday night presenting his latest success, "The Altar of Friendship." Friday night, "When We Were Twenty-one."

CHITON FOR THE MUSEUM

Connecting Link Between Mollusks and Animals, Having Backbones.

A very fine specimen of the chiton has been sent from Monterey Bay to the free museum in the City Hall by Mrs. John McCracken. Colonel Hawkins is much pleased with the specimen, not only because it is larger and finer than any before possessed by the museum, but because it shows that the museum is not forgotten by Portland people when abroad.

A chiton is a polyplacophorous gastropod, found on rocks along the sea coast, and is distinctly related to the snails and slugs, but instead of having a shell has a number of separate, overlapping plates along the body. For this reason it is sometimes called "coat-of-mail shell," and as it is in form of a shallow boat with rounded ends, it is also known by the name of "sea cradle." It is interesting to scientists as the connecting link between mollusks and the articulated type of structure, its separate overlapping plates being taken as the first attempt at the introduction of the backbone. It has no eyes and no tentacles, but a number of gills and kidneys in pairs. As it is not fit to eat or even to make soup of, many take no interest in the chiton, but it is after all a less primitive animal than some of the other gastropods, and their anatomy is well worth studying if one has a taste for that sort of thing and nothing else to do.

Other late additions to the museum are as follows: Skull of ostrich from Long Beach, presented by Mrs. Locket; an ancient pistol, by L. T. Barin; skull of cougar, by F. J. Walkley; white bantam eggs, by A. Schuman, Tualatin; specimens of moss by Mrs. L. A. Petersen; old rifle with beautiful hand-carved stock, by H. S. Bacon, of Southdale, Or.

"Shields' Park.

Hugh Emmett, ventriloquist.
Anton, Wilson Clark company, comedy.
The Palamos, operatic duo.
Hooley and Kelton, comedy sketch.
Rooney and Forrester, Irish comedy.
The Dagmars, sensational acrobats.
John J. Welch, darkey comedian.

The largest crowd seen in Shields' Park since its opening over one year ago, was present there last night to listen to and applaud the best and most amusing vaudeville bill Manager Shields has given this season. The park was a sea of faces.

"Why don't you wish to go to heaven?" asked one of Hugh Emmett's dolls of his colored mate.

"Because it would be so lonely there, with only George Washington and Judge Williams," warbled the speaking doll. The crowd roared. Emmett is certainly one of the greatest ventriloquists going, and it is a question if he has any superiors in this country. In fact, he seems to have so much power over his wooden dolls that the exhibition has nearly a supernatural air. He stands with his lips closed before a doll, and by his ventriloquism makes that doll laugh, weep, sing and crack jokes. Other dolls behind him at intervals engage in an amusing conversation as if they were really human beings. Many of Emmett's jokes are about local people and places. He also gave a good imitation of a phonograph record giving out the air of a song with accompanying splutters.

Clever and amusing comedy work is done by the Anton-Wilson-Clark Company, two men and a woman. The latter is a widow who has married a second time, and one of the trio suddenly appears and impersonates her dead husband come to life again. He is a lively "body" and sings two songs in a clear, pleasing voice, "Of Course It's No Business of Mine" and "It's Talk, Talk Talk," receiving a triple encore. His work caught the crowd. Rooney and Forrester, Irish comedians, are above the average performers in that line, especially in dancing and singing. Rooney is really a funny man. Miss Kelton in the Hooley-Kelton cobination is a handsome-looking young woman, and she and her partner work hard to entertain in their act. They are excellent dancers, and appeared two or three years ago in three theaters of this city. The Palamos, soprano and contralto, got three encores by their excellent singing. The Dagmars and John J. Welch were seen in new acts, and again made themselves solid with the audience.

GOOD TIMES AT NOME.

Captain Watson Returns Prosperous From Great Mining Town.

Captain James T. Watson, for many years connected with the Portland Police force, but for the past three years engaged in mining at Nome, arrived home Saturday. He came out on the first steamer leaving there this Spring, just after the arrival of the fleet which took in between 2000 and 3000 passengers.

He gives a very favorable report of the condition of things and of the prospects of the country around Nome. About $1,500,000 in gold has been taken out during the Winter in drifting, and many new creeks and beaches have been discovered which had been overlooked, but the principal mining work is done in the Summer. He says Nome is bound to be quite a mining town for years, and the chief place in the North country. A great deal of capital is going in and being invested, but it is no country for poor men who cannot even prospect on account of the expense of living. There are more laboring men there now than there is employment for, and many of the new-comers will soon be more anxious to get away from Nome than they were to get there.

There has been much trouble and litigation over boundaries of claims, etc., and things have been badly mixed up, on account of unsatisfactory courts, but the new Judge, Alfred S. Moore, who has been in office a year, is putting things to rights. The law-abiding people have every confidence in him and think he is the right man in the right place, and say that, if the Government will see that he is properly supported by honest, law-abiding and justice-loving officials in other departments of the district, they will have as good administration of justice as there is anywhere.

Provisions were getting scarce in Nome when the Spring fleet arrived. Fresh meat, poultry and butter, potatoes and onions were exhausted, and at first eggs sold for $1.50 to $2 a dozen, beef for a day or two brought $1 to $2 a pound, but soon fell to the regular price of 50 to 75 cents a pound.

They had a very long, cold Winter in Nome, with great depth of snow, but the health of the country is good and the population increasing rapidly.

Captain Watson looks browned, but is in the best of health and spirits, and says he feels as young as ever. He has not much to say about the amount of gold he has taken out, but is evidently satisfied, as he is going back in a few weeks. He says all the Portland boys in Nome are prospering. C. E. Hoxie is doing well in the saloon business and both his boys are employed, one in the postoffice and the other by the Wild Goose Company, at Council City. Al Cody was recently appointed Deputy United States Marshal, and is running a detective agency and doing well.

John L. McGinn has been filling the position of United States District Attorney very satisfactorily, but since the incumbent returned he has resumed the practice of his profession. He is considered one of the best lawyers in the country, and has a host of friends and a great future before him.

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