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**AMUSEMENTS.**  
**SHIELDS PARK.** Thirtieth and Washington—Vaudeville.  
**EMPIRE THEATRE.** Twelfth and Morrison—Vaudeville.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO DEER HUNTING.**—Sportsmen are making preparations for the deer hunting season, and guns costing hundreds of dollars are flying about in all directions. It is not long till the first of September, when the deer hunting season begins. The early birds are those which have been hunted about the lakes at the headwaters of tributaries to the Columbia, wood duck, teal and widgeon and mallard principally, and they are already moving down the streams to the Columbia. The great mass of ducks frequenting this Coast and the Northwest specially are reared on the vast tundras of the Arctic regions, and they are already starting south. They come along by degrees, slowly and at their leisure, following the general coast line. They will "come in" on the first heavy wind storm of the late Fall, which is often the equinoctial gale. Some who see thousands and thousands of ducks coming up the Columbia flying like rockets before the equinoctial gale imagine that they have just been traveling in this wild way all the long distance from their breeding grounds in the Arctic regions. They are ready to come to anchor in the big landing or rest lakes on San Juan Island, and to begin stuffing themselves with wheat provided for them by the sportsmen here, who protect them all Winter and shoot a few of them for pleasure.

**MR. PLYER FOLK IN SAN FRANCISCO.**—William T. Pangle, assistant manager of the Marquand Theatre, and his family are home again from a short vacation passed in California, principally around San Francisco, and they had a very enjoyable time. "Good business was done at the San Francisco theatres during our visit, and previously," said Mr. Pangle. "We were much pleased with Amelia Bingham in 'The Climbers.' In fact, I have not enjoyed anything so much in a very long time. It is a Clyde Fitch creation, and opens with a funeral. Yet, as the play progresses, the action is sparkling and clever, and the offering deserves its great success. I also saw Ezra Kendall in 'The Vagabond Boy,' and it is one of the funniest things going. In the boxes I noticed Nat C. Goodwin and saw that he joined in the general laughter. Other members of the theatrical profession were near him, and it goes without saying that these people do not laugh unless there is something worth the while. I met David Warfield, of the Auctioneer, who was visiting his mother in San Francisco, and he is about to appear in a new play, 'The Vagabond Boy,' and it goes without saying that these people do not laugh unless there is something worth the while. I met David Warfield, of the Auctioneer, who was visiting his mother in San Francisco, and he is about to appear in a new play, 'The Vagabond Boy,' and it goes without saying that these people do not laugh unless there is something worth the while."

**OFF TO TWO CONVENTIONS.**—General and Mrs. Owen Summers and their son left last night on the steamer Elder for San Francisco to attend the national encampment of the Grand Army and of the Spanish-American War Veterans' Association, both of which begin on August 14. General Summers, who is commander-in-chief of the latter organization, enjoys the unique distinction of being a member of both organizations, and is the first of 11 or 12 Oregon delegates to attend, the others following by train on Saturday. It is the first time he has visited San Francisco since the Oregon regiment landed there from the Philippines in August, 1898, and the popularity which the regiment then gained insures him and the Oregon delegates a warm welcome. Among the many important subjects which will come before the Spanish-American War Veterans' Association, the most important is the healing of the factional differences and the union of all the veterans of the Spanish war in one general organization. In this division General Summers is likely to take a prominent part.

**CONTRACTORS HAVE THEIR HANDS FULL.**—There has been so much street improvement work done or started of late that it begins to look as if there were not enough contractors here to handle all the work, and consequently the cost of improvements to property owners is becoming higher. Contractors used to fight to secure jobs, especially large ones. The last time the city advertised for bids for improving streets six jobs were to be let, one of which amounted to over \$17,000. Bids were made on only three of them. It naturally follows, when contractors have so much work on hand that they do not care for more, that they are not going to compete very closely for contracts offered, and that those who bid put the price higher than has been customary. A citizen who has been planning for some time to erect a building said yesterday: "There is no building contractors here, and I think I will have to give up building this season."

**ROADWAY CLOSED SINCE JUNE.**—The bridge or elevated roadway on Northrup street, a main thoroughfare from the Union depot to the North End and Albion ferry, has been out of repair and closed since June. Residents of that neighborhood have been anxious to have a fill made there, but it is found impracticable to get the earth necessary except at a cost which seems impracticable. Estimates for the repair of the bridge, which is 180 feet in length, have been made, and it is found that the roadway can be put in condition so that it will last for several years at an expense of about \$500. City Engineer Elliott will take the matter up with the street committee Thursday and see what can be done and whether earth can be obtained for a fill or whether a temporary repair is to be made.

**NO LUCK AT BASS FISHING.**—Bass fishing was not much in the way of sport on Columbia Slough Sunday. A party of 11 fished all day and reeled in all kinds of spoons and bait, including artificial and live minnows, and caught only one bass among them. Another "party" fished alone all day, reeled in one bass, and came home tired and hungry. He said he had enough bass fishing for the season, and doesn't care much about bass, anyway. It looks as if the bass weren't particularly stuck after him, either. Salmon fishing is the best sport these days if one only has sense enough to stop when he has got all he wants or can take care of.

**POLICEMAN LET HIM OFF EASY.**—John Dennison, the barber who was held up by the St. Johns policeman and put up \$10 as bail to answer to a charge of pistol practice in the limits of that city, has no hard feelings about the matter with the affair. He says the policeman has to do somehow, as the city pays him no salary. The amount at first demanded of him was \$5, which was not extravagant, as it was supposed to be divided with the other man, but the demand was soon reduced to \$5, and Dennison feels that he was let off easy.

**Low Excursion Rates.**—Low excursion rates will again be placed in effect by the Northern Pacific on August 15, 19, 25 and 29 to points East and return. Tickets will be good for stop-over and bear limit of three months from date of sale. For full particulars call on or write A. D. Charlton, Assistant General Passenger Agent of the Northern Pacific Railway, 25 Morrison street, corner of Third, Portland, Or. For full information, maps of routes, sleeping-car reservations, etc.

**SALMON RUN REACHES CELILO.**—The head of the great school of salmon which entered the Columbia something over a week ago has reached Celilo. The fish are still coming into the river, but not in such immense numbers, and the canneries are able to take care of them, but they are of lighter colored flesh than the first of the school and are therefore not quite so valuable when canned. The wheels at Celilo are likely to catch quite a number of the fish passing there now, but they cannot enjoy this long, as the season ends on Saturday, August 15. Several interested parties were discussing the matter yesterday in the office of a cannery company in this city, when one remarked that a good many fish could be caught at Celilo in six days. He knew what day of the month it was and that the season ended next Saturday. Another who had his eye on a calendar hanging on the wall said the wheels would only have two days to run. The discussion turned into a heated argument, and finally to decide the calendar on the wall was called in as a witness, when it was found that it was a calendar for 1904 with the page of April in view. The dispute came to an end.

## AT THE THEATERS

## JULIAN ROSE MAKES A HIT.

**"Our Hebrew Friend"** Entertains Large Empire Theatre Audience.

Julian Rose—"Our Hebrew Friend." Wilson and Leicester—Operatic duo. Reese brothers—Acrobats and gun-spinners. Anderson and Wallace—Sketch, "Tremendous Life." Lillian Leslie—Soprano. Grierson sisters—Singers and dancers. Fredrik the Great—Conjuror. Williams and Gordon—Comedy. Bioscope.

There have been so many excellent high-class vaudeville offerings at the Empire Theatre since the opening that many

and their work is of the gilt-edge kind. They appeared here last year with the Williams and Walker show. The Grierson sisters are two engaging girls, handsomely dressed in blue and silver and dance themselves into favor. Lillian Leslie was warmly welcomed on her reappearance, and she wore gorgeous gowns. Her songs were "Queen of the Roses" and "Violeta." She was in fine voice. Fredrik, the conjuror, and Williams and Gordon, comedians, again made themselves solid. The whole bill is worth a visit, and should not be missed. It will run for one week.

## Big Crowds at Shields.

The largest Monday audience of the season was present at Shields Park last night to witness the excellent programme being presented there this week. There is not a weak or poor act on the bill, and the show is snappy and humorous all the way through, and diversified to a marked degree. The moving picture taken of a recent Sunday baseball game will be shown for the first time next Sunday night.

## STARVES AMID PLENTY.

**Fred E. Frank Refuses to Eat, and Dies.**

Fred E. Frank, a laborer, died yesterday morning shortly after breakfast of starvation and exhaustion. In a pitiful condition of insanity he refused to eat any of the food that was offered him and fought the efforts of those who tried to force food and stimulants down his throat. This, together with injuries sustained in butting his head against the walls of the corridors at the City Jail, brought on his death. The end came half an hour after he had sat at the breakfast table at the County Jail, feebly pushing away the morsels that were offered him. He had a hallucination that food should be applied externally and should not be eaten. He would take a piece of bread and meat and rub them on his arms and legs, saying that in this way he could lure his lost health. The hapless fellow was picked up by the police several days ago by the police. On his shoulder the officers found an ugly bruise, where he had fallen or been struck. As he appeared to be in a very weak and sickly condition, Dr. S. C. Siocum ordered him sent to more comfortable quarters at the County Jail. He was taken to that institution Sunday morning. Nothing could be learned of his relatives, and it was with great difficulty that the jailer induced him to tell his name.

The man's real condition was not suspected until he was found unconscious in his cell yesterday morning shortly before he died. The body was turned over to Coroner Finley, who has not yet determined whether or not an inquest will be necessary.

## Forest Fires in Josephine County.

**GRANT'S PASS, OR., Aug. 10.**—A great many forest fires are now burning in the vicinity of this place. Until a week ago the air had been clear of smoke, and there had been very little fire in sight, but since that time the fires have multiplied with startling rapidity. Fires are now visible at night on the mountains in almost every direction and some of them are large enough to be spectacular. They are nearly all located on areas that have been burned over in recent years, so that the extent of the damage is not expected to be serious.

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