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AMUSEMENTS.

SHIELDS' PARK, Thirteenth and Washington—Vaudeville.

EMPIRE THEATER, Twelfth and Morrison—Vaudeville.

BOOM IN EASTERN MULTNOMAH.—"Things are booming in Eastern Multnomah County, and there are evidences of prosperity on every hand," said a business man who returned yesterday from an excursion into that section. "I spent several hours in the neighborhood of the Powell's Valley Postoffice," he continued, "and the road was busy all the time with teams coming and going, hauling lumber and large quantities of railroad ties, flour and farm products to the city; or returning laden with merchandise, etc. There was a continuous procession of teams extending in both directions as far as I could see, which put me in mind of a circus outfit passing with the wagons scattered along the road at intervals. I had no idea that there was so much of life and business and prosperity in that part of the county. I saw many well-cultivated farms, good orchards, gardens, hopfields, etc., and much land still lying idle and uncultivated, as I was told, on account of the difficulty and expense of getting land cleared, owing to the absence of cheap labor. Some of these days Eastern Multnomah County, though not large, will support an immense population, which, on account of its nearness to Portland, will have a constant market for everything it can produce."

Y. M. C. A. OFFICERS IN CONFERENCE.—Officers of the various Pacific Coast branches of the Young Men's Christian Association opened their annual conference last evening on Ross Island, to which place they went in rowboats. The conference will close this evening after several sessions have been held. All sessions are held behind closed doors, as the purpose of the meetings is to discuss the work of the Association from the standpoint of its officers. During today a number of addresses will be made at the Association parlors on subjects interesting to active workers. Among those in attendance at the reunion are: Seattle, A. S. Allen, general secretary; A. G. Douthitt, physical director; Norman F. Turner, assistant. Tacoma, J. M. Pattullo, general secretary. Whatcom, M. M. Moss, general secretary. Aberdeen, Charles N. Wenacott, general secretary. Everett, Robert Carey, general secretary; H. A. Cook, physical director. Spokane, S. H. Ward, secretary; L. M. Myers, physical director. Vancouver, B. C., J. M. Graham, general secretary. Victoria, B. C., J. T. Little, general secretary. Boise, F. W. Witham, general secretary. Salem, John Fector.

MUSICIAN DRAWS LINE AT SALOONS.—A rather roughly dressed wandering fellow, evidently a strolling musician, as he had a violin case slung over his shoulder, while going down Third street met another person similarly equipped, but older and wilder looking, with long hair and a very crooked cane. They conversed a moment and then the latter with a swirl of his crooked cane passed on. A reporter accosted the other and asked him what kind of a man the wild-looking one was. "Oh, some kind of a crank, I guess," was the reply. "I offered him a job to play in a saloon, but he said he would not play in a saloon. He must be some kind of a Sunday school fellow, I suppose." "Where do you hail from?" asked the reporter. "My home is in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, but I am a Bohemian by birth." "You have no prejudices against saloons, I suppose?" "No, you bet not. I have a job playing in one, and that is how I make my living."

SMITH GETS HIS FILL AT LAST.—Seeing W. K. Smith at work with a shovel on an extensive fill extending across the foot of Montgomery, Market and Mill streets, a reporter inquired of a resident in that vicinity what he was doing. He was told that Mr. Smith has a tract of about ten acres of land where he has been having a fill made for the past 34 years, which is now about completed, the grade having been raised about 20 feet. So much time has been consumed because it has been done without any expenditure for earth, the filling being done by persons who wanted a dumping ground for earth from excavations, etc., for which they had no use. When Mr. Smith has nothing else to do he is on hand with a shovel showing the teamsters where to deposit their loads. The completion of the fill has become a fad with Mr. Smith.

OHIO SOCIETY EXCURSION.—The Ohio Society has arranged for an excursion on the Bailey Gatzert, Sunday, August 23; the boat to leave Alder-street dock at 9 A. M. All members and friends of the society are invited. One of the most prominent objects of the society is assistance for the 1905 Fair, and as it is understood other state societies are being and will be formed, they are invited to join with us in the excursion. The members of the Missouri Society are especially invited, as it is an historical fact that they always have to be shown, and a pleasant and agreeable exhibition will be furnished. The boat will serve meals, but parties and families may take lunches. Tickets are $1, and may be had by calling on any member of the Ohio Society, particularly at the office of Mr. F. A. Bancroft, Mr. L. D. Cole, Worcester building, and Mr. William Goldman, Oregonian building.

HUNTING DEER WITH HOUNDS.—An old-time sportsman, who has just returned from hunting deer in Washington County, says he put in three days of as hard hunting there as he ever did in his life, but without success. He says that deer are plentiful, but the brush is so thick that getting a shot at them is difficult, and the residents have taken to hunting them with hounds, contrary to law. From what he hears, running deer with hounds is becoming a general practice in many parts of the state, no arrests having been made.

WHO WISHES TO BE A DELEGATE?—Delegates to the coming Irrigation Congress at Ogden, Utah, and the Mining Congress at Deadwood, N. D., are desired and Mayor Williams would like to have anyone willing to go communicate with him. The Irrigation Congress opens September 15 and lasts three days, while the Mining Congress is of five days' duration, beginning October 7. Four delegates are required for each.

THE OLYMPIA ELKS promising their visiting brethren from Portland the finest time of their lives August 22. An old-fashioned clambake, with a smoker at the lodge rooms afterwards. Olympia clams are famous throughout the Northwest. Governor Chamberlain has been invited by Governor McBride. Get your tickets at Northern Pacific Ticket Office, Third and Morrison streets. Only a limited number can be sold. *

IF YOU WANT a thorough rest and outing, go to Olympia with the Elks August 22, via the Northern Pacific, enjoy the picturesque scenery of Western Washington, the Columbia and Cowlitz Rivers, the city of Olympia, and have a good time at the Elks' clambake. Rate only $3, including the clambake. Get your tickets at Northern Pacific Office, Third and Morrison streets, early. Only limited number can be sold. *

BACK FROM PHILIPPINES.—Seven officers and 168 enlisted men of the third squadron Sixth regiment, United States Cavalry, passed through this city yesterday on their way from the Philippines to Fort Keough, Montana, under the command of Captain Mitchell. They will arrive at their destination tomorrow.

FIREMEN TO HAVE VACATIONS.—Mayor Williams has directed that in the future the members of the fire department shall have an annual vacation of ten days. The vacation will begin this year, and the first detail will start on the holiday as soon as Chief Campbell completes a schedule.

ALBINA PROPERTY AT AUCTION.—The Sheriff is selling Albina real estate for delinquent taxes. Your property may be in the delinquent list and you not aware of it. Ask County Clerk for printed list. *

WARNING TO THE PUBLIC.—It has come to the knowledge of the Shasta Water Company that various parties have been using the siphons and bottles of the company for purposes other than contemplated in the sale of Shasta Water and loan of said bottles and siphons. The public is hereby notified that all improper or illegal use of such siphons and bottles will be prosecuted to the extent of the law. No siphons or bottles of this company are sold under any circumstances, and the public is warned against purchasing the same. Shasta Water Co., of Portland, per S. Julius Mayer, manager. *

KILLED IN LOGGING CAMP.—Struck on the head by the light wire-rope of the trip-line, Joseph L. Black was killed Tuesday in Blaney's logging camp on Gray's River, Wash. The crew was engaged in hauling out a large log and, in doing his work, Mr. Black came too close to the moving trip-line, which was swaying and buckling rapidly. Like a flash he was killed. Black leaves a wife and two children. His wife's relatives live in Sunnyside.

HURRAH! The Elk Creek House now open for the public. Oregon's finest Summer resort. Stages leave Seaside daily by the Seaside Livery & Fuel Company. *

BAKER THEATER School of Acting. Send for catalogue or call, 2 to 4:30 P. M. Leo Cooper, K. of P. Hall, Marquam building.*

ENJOINED FROM PLAYING.

Mordaunt-Humphrey Company Narrowly Escaped Lawsuit.

It leaked out last night that, if the Mordaunt-Humphrey Company had played "Pudd'nhead Wilson" at Cordray's Theater Sunday, Manager George L. Baker, who holds the rights of the play west of the Missouri River, would have begun injunction proceedings against the theatrical people. Manager Baker admitted this last night, and in reply to a question said: "A lawyer is working on the case now, and may yet serve injunction papers." It was learned that he holds all rights for the production of "Pudd'nhead Wilson" in this city, Seattle and Los Angeles.

The same condition of affairs came to light when the Mordaunt-Humphrey Company at first proposed to open its engagement at Cordray's Theater with Anthony Hope's "The Prisoner of Zenda," but when the company arrived here it was found that Mr. Baker had also bought the rights to produce this play, and so "Zenda" was regretfully abandoned by the Mordaunt-Humphrey people. It is not known what play they are to open with in Seattle, Sunday.

Pictures Cause Consternation.

The baseball moving picture at Shields' Park this week has caused excitement to several people. A certain young man told his sweetheart that he was going out of town on a fishing expedition on the particular Sunday this picture was taken. Instead he took some other girl to the ball game. Last night "No. 1" was his companion to Shields' Park. His consternation was appalling when the polyscope showed him as big as life with his baseball friend. The programme was lost sight of in his efforts to square himself, and as the crowd was leaving he was still trying to prove an alibi. It might be well for all the girls in town—and the married women, too, to go and see if any of their relatives were absent on an alleged or imaginary trip that day.

Empire Theater Attractive.

Those hosts of pleasure-seekers, who seek to be amused and keep cool at the same time find much that is attractive in this week's programme at the Empire Theater. The engagement of Julian Rose, our ludicrous and clever "Hebrew friend," is drawing to a close and those who have not seen this suberb act should avail themselves of the remaining opportunities. Van Fossen and McCauley do a black-face sketch in which they do some funny dancing, tell funny jokes and sing funny songs. Their act has certainly made a hit. The Olson brothers, kings of the banjo, are a revelation in this line, while Zano, the illusionist, has a new line of magical tricks.

Kuhns Come Next Week.

Next week the feature of the Empire Theater's programme will be the Kuhns, three of the cleverest performers on any stage. Their playing of the mandolin and guitar is in a class by itself. A host of other new acts will be presented, among them being Excella, a spectacular dancer; Louie Dacre, a fair comedienne; Trask and Rogers, fun producers; Lloyd Spencer, a monologist, and Maude Stiel, a clever soubrette. Van Fossen and McCauley will present a screaming sketch, entitled "In a Graveyard at Night," while Zano, the illusionist, wants his coin tricks carefully watched.

Has Bought "Sergeant James."

Manager George L. Baker said yesterday that he had completed negotiations with Kirk La Shelle, the owner of Eugene Walder's play, "Sergeant James," to produce the latter in all territory west of the Missouri River, and that he would organize a company selected in New York to appear in the production in about three months' time, once "The Christian" is on the road and out of the way. Last season "Sergeant James" was one of the great successes in the East, and was particularly a money-maker in New York City. "Sergeant James" is a play of the "Arizona" order, and portrays strenuous Western life.

Cordray Theater Attractions.

Cordray & Russell decided yesterday that on account of the alterations and repairs of Cordray's Theater taking longer time than it was at first anticipated, the house will not be reopened for the season until August 30, when the opening attraction will be Frank Bacon's Company from the Alcazar Theater, San Francisco, in "The Hills of California." The Mordant-Humphrey Company, which was to have appeared at Cordray's Theater Sunday in "Pudd'nhead Wilson," will open Sunday in Seattle for a two weeks' engagement, returning later to play at Cordray's.

Amateurs Friday Night.

It is safe to say that the large seating capacity of Shields' Park will be tested on Friday night, when a large array of amateur talent is to appear. A sister team is to appear, also a cornetist, and several more peachy acts, not overlooking the tall lady who on last Friday recited something about Mary's woolly quadruped.

Pollard Juveniles at the Marquam.

Tomorrow (Friday) morning at 10 o'clock the advance sale of seats will open for the Pollard Juvenile Opera Company in "The Belle of New York," which will be the attraction at the Marquam Grand Theater for four nights, beginning Monday, August 24, with a popular matinee Thursday at 2:15 o'clock.

At Shields' Next Week.

Shields' bill this week might be called a novelty show. Next Sunday will start a week of hilarity, and all kinds of comedy stunts will be introduced by some of the most clever funmakers on the vaudeville stage. Two big novelty acts will be added, and not a single holdover will appear.

COLUMBIA RIVER SCENERY

Seen to advantage from deck of a Regulator Line steamer. Through steamers for The Dalles leave daily (except Sunday) 7 A. M. The palatial steamer Bailey Gatzert leaves daily (except Monday) 8:30 A. M.; Sundays, 9 A. M. for Cascade Locks and return. Excellent meals on all steamers. Landing foot of Alder street. Phone, Main 314. o

EAGLES, ATTENTION.

There will be a meeting of Eagles at Eagles' Hall today (Thursday), at 3 P. M. All loyal Eagles are requested to be present. Business of importance.

JOHN LAMONT, Chairman.

BRING THE CARRIERS

Chamber of Commerce Gives Aid to Delegates.

INVITES CONVENTION OF 1905

Evangelical Church Convention Also Invited for 1907—Mining Congress for 1904—Delegates From Seattle to Be Entertained.

Support and financial backing were promised yesterday by the Board of Trustees of the Chamber of Commerce for the 1905 meeting in this city of the National Association of Letter-carriers, and an invitation was extended for the meeting here in 1907 of the General Conference of the Evangelical Church. A motion to entertain returning delegates from the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress at Seattle was referred to a special committee, and a proposal that the United States gunboats Marblehead and Concord be brought to this city after the close of the Astoria regatta was referred to the City Council and Mayor Williams.

Six members of the board were present, and in the unavoidable absence of President Livingstone, H. W. Goode acted as chairman. In the matter of an appropriation for work necessary to secure the attendance here of the National Convention of the Letter-carriers' Association, a delegation appeared consisting of Frank Stewart, chairman of the Oregon delegation of letter-carriers; W. P. Lyman, J. M. Jones and W. H. Churchill, of the local letter-carriers' union. A letter was read giving particulars of the work done by the letter-carriers during the last two months in the matter of bringing the National convention here in 1905, and it went on to say:

"It has been six years since the convention was held on the Pacific Coast, and considering the low railroad rates, the prevailing desire to see Oregon, the Lewis and Clark Exposition and the hearty pledges of support we have, we believe that this is Portland's chance to secure the convention. The convention meets this year at Syracuse, N. Y., early in September, and our four delegates who are to attend its sessions will distribute literature advertising our city and state upon trains, boats and hotels along the route—in fact, any place where such matter can be placed to do good to Oregon. The business community of Portland will profit by the presence here of 2000 delegates for one week."

It was explained that the convention holds biennial sessions, and that the only rival city looming up so far for the 1905 meeting is Quincy, Ill. The board then appropriated $150 to assist the delegates in getting the convention here. At this piece of good fortune the committee's faces beamed. Other publicity organizations have also made appropriations. The delegates leave for Syracuse, N. Y., either Sunday night or Monday morning.

A letter was also read from N. Shupp, treasurer of the Oregon Conference of the Evangelical Missionary Society, stating that his conference at the meeting last May had extended an invitation to secure the attendance in this city in 1907 of the National Convention of the Evangelical Church, and he asked that the trustees of the Chamber of Commerce also extend an invitation. It is expected that the sessions of the convention will last from 18 to 20 days. It was decided to extend the invitation asked for, which will be read at the general convention, which meets at Berlin, Ontario, Canada, October 7.

Colonel Frank V. Drake, who has been commissioned by Governor Chamberlain to represent Oregon mining men at the sessions of the American Mining Congress next month at Deadwood, South Dakota, addressed the trustees on the advisability of securing the meeting of the congress for this city next year. Samuel Connell indorsed what Colonel Drake had said, and stated that at the Cripple Creek convention it was arranged that if Portland would withdraw her opposition at that time she could have the congress for 1904. "About 2000 mining men will be here, and they are men who generally spend a good deal of money. It will be a good thing for Portland," remarked Colonel Drake. An appropriation of $150 was made to carry out the project in sending a representative to bring the matter before the Deadwood congress.

On the suggestion of L. A. Lewis the meeting considered a proposition to invite as many members of the Trans-Mississippi Congress, now meeting in Seattle, as cared to visit this city after the close of the Seattle meetings, and the matter of entertainment was considered. A committee was appointed to confer with President Cake, of the Commercial Club, relative to entertainment and find out what could be done. It was felt that all the delegates who might visit this city for three or four days could not very well be cared for, but it was pointed out this expense would not be necessary.

NEW CHARTER IS GOOD.

Mayor Williams Finds Only Minor Defects.

"The charter has not been in operation long enough to show all its good features or its weak points, if it has any, but, speaking generally, I consider it very satisfactory."

This was the reply of Mayor Williams to an Oregonian reporter, who yesterday asked him what was his opinion of the new city charter.

"But, you are reported as having said that there are defects in the charter," continued the reporter, "and it is also said that you are not satisfied with its provisions in regard to civil service."

"In stating that there were defects in the charter, it was not my intention to imply that such defects were serious, or that they impaired the charter as an effective law, under which the city could otherwise be well governed. The purpose of the Charter Board was to secure a form of government that would not require change at each session of the Legislature; that would provide proper restrictions where necessary in the administration of city business and at the same time provide that elasticity in other particulars necessary to meet the demands of a rapidly-growing city. I think that in these respects the charter accomplishes its purpose, and that the Charter Board is entitled to credit for its diligent labor in providing the city with the best charter it has ever had. It has been in effect now seven months and, like a new piece of machinery on its first trial, all its minor defects are apparent.

"There are a few contradictions and repetition of detail, and it is not always clear where the power in certain matters is vested. These were to be expected, but it is probable that as defects we magnify them until such time as precedent shall establish rules that will govern. The power of legislation is clearly and fully vested in the Council and the policy of the administration, aside from the laws enacted, is vested in the Mayor and Executive Board.

"In those matters the charter is lucid, and at the same time I believe there is no good reason to criticise either of these specific and important provisions. There will be mistakes both in matters of legislation and administration, but they are seldom so serious as the enterprising and sensation-loving newspaper reporters make out, and time often proves after the hour of sensation is past that the official action found fault with was eminently proper.

"As to the charter's provisions relative to civil service, I feel that they are unnecessarily long, and go a little too deep into the 'ologies,' and it may be that they have been interpreted and enforced with too exacting a fidelity, but such criticism of administration is unusual. The real purpose of civil service rules is to free public employes from partisan political influences, and to make them know that the permanency of their positions and their promotion depend upon efficiency and fidelity in the performance of duty.

"I have strictly adhered to this policy and shall continue to do so. I think this end might be accomplished by a simpler process than the charter provisions.

"The routine in the matter of street improvement is slow and entails a vast amount of work. As it is, streets can be laid out and numbered, and after all that is the principal thing, and at this time the present administration is sufficiently active, in street and sidewalk improvements, to relieve it from the criticism which formerly prevailed.

"In its provisions for the protection of public money and in all details relative to resources, finance and taxation, the charter is excellent. In short, the charter, as a whole, is an improvement, but I had not intended to talk to such length on this subject, as I feel that any exhaustive review of the charter by me, if I deemed it necessary, should be given out through a message to the Council rather than in an interview for publication."

GREAT BAND OF ELKS.

Fifteen Hundred Strong They Will Go to Clambake.

Last night the Vancouver Elks resolved to accompany the Portland lodge to Olympia next Saturday. J. H. O'Bryan and W. M. Davis paid the Vancouver lodge a visit and explained all the details of the excursion.

The Elks will have a noble time at the Puget Sound city. They will go 1500 strong in two trainloads, and will be joined at Olympia by Elks from Washington cities. Not only Elks, but their friends, are invited to go and to share all the pleasures of the trip. Each and every person can make the round trip for $3 railroad fare. The train will leave Portland Saturday, 7:30 A. M. On arriving at Olympia the excursionists will indulge in a clambake in the capitol grounds. Saturday night the visitors will attend a ball. Sunday morning they will go to Bremerton, and the same evening will return to Portland.

A. B. Colby and George Wemple have gone on ahead to look after the clambake. Several thousand of the bivalves will be ready for the visitors the very minute they arrive at Olympia. Spring chickens to the number of 500 will be sacrificed, and 1000 pounds of sweet potatoes.

The general excursion committee is composed of E. W. Rowe, J. H. O'Bryan, Joseph Malley, W. M. Davis, George Wemple and S. Schmidt.

Boy Accidentally Shoots Himself.

In trying to extract the shells from an old-fashioned Colt's revolver, Elmer Cloninger, a 16-year-old boy, of Westport, Or., discharged the weapon, the shot taking effect in his leg. When brought to the Good Samaritan Hospital yesterday, he was suffering from a deep wound, which the doctors believe can be cured without any danger of serious consequences.

Refuses to Honor Requisition.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 19.—Governor Pennypacker today refused to honor the requisition of Governor Yates for the return to Bloomington, Ill., of Sidney Smith, a Pittsburg newspaper writer and artist, to answer a charge of abducting his own child, for the reason that there is no indictment against Smith.

WHERE TO DINE.

All the delicacies of the season at the Portland Restaurant; fine private apartments for parties, 305 Wash., near 5th.

Imperial Hotel restaurant, 2d floor; six-course dinner 50c; first-class service, a la carte, 6:30 A. M. to 8 P. M.

LOW AUGUST RATES.

O. R. & N. Again Gives Long-Time Limit and Stop-Over.

August 18, 19, 25 and 26 the O. R. & N. again sells long-time tickets to points in the East, with stop-over privileges. Particulars at City ticket office, Third and Washington.

New Lady Osteopathic.

Dr. Anna M. Barr will occupy room 800, Dekum building, after September 1.

Visitors to Portland

Should not miss the delightful trips up and down the Columbia River. Particulars at O. R. & N. city ticket office, Third and Washington.

For Suit Cases and Bags

Go to Harris Trunk Co., 331 Morrison.

No route across the continent offers so many attractions as does the Denver & Rio Grande. Write the Portland Agency, 124 Third street, for illustrated booklets.