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AMUSEMENTS.
MARQUAM GRAND THEATRE—This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, tonight at 8:15. "The Wizard of Oz" Opera Company.
BILLIE'S PARK, Thirteenth and Washington
Yvonneville
EMPIRE THEATRE, Twelfth and Morrison—Evening, vaudeville.
"PREPARING MAP OF RIVER CHANNEL"—A party detailed by City Engineer Elliott yesterday began a surveying of the channel of the Willamette for a mile above and half a mile below the Morrison-street bridge, preparatory to preparing the map which will be submitted to the United States Engineers and be approved by the War Department before the work of constructing a new bridge at Morrison street can be begun. The party is in charge of John R. Hansen, and is furnished with a good field notebook, transit, sextant and all apparatus necessary to secure data for preparing a map showing the topography of the bottom of the river as exactly as if it were dry land. It will not be practicable to use any chain, as the water is so shallow that the ground to be chained. This work will be a small job. First soundings will be taken to find where the channel is, this being a point in which the government is particularly interested. Then cork floats, with small flags, will be put out to ascertain the exact course of the current. The harbor lines and wharf lines will also have to be laid out, and in the end the whole planned on a small scale. This will take three or four weeks, probably, and the map when completed will be submitted to Captain Longfitt, United States Engineer, for his approval. The city authorities have but little doubt as to the plan for the new bridge at Morrison street being approved by the Government, as the piers are to be located farther apart, thus giving a wider opening for the passage of vessels. The water is so deep that shipping will not be subject to delay in order to be certain that no harm can come to navigation by the construction of the proposed new bridge, the Government requires the survey and charts to be made.
MALAMAS TO HOLD REUNION.—The Malamas Society will have their usual fall reunion and home outing for members and invited friends on the afternoon of Saturday, September 4. It will be held at the head of Macleay Park, where refreshments will be served and the officers of the society will make their reports of the various outings. Miss Ella McBride will be expected to give an account of her recent trip to the summit of Mount Whitney, the highest mountain in California, and Rodney L. Gieson, president of the Malamas, will tell how the lightning struck about the summits of the Three Sisters. In the evening the party will proceed over the Macleay trail to the City Park, carrying lighted Japanese lanterns and marching in single file, and it is expected that there will be about 200 present, the string will be half a mile long and will, as seen from a distance, present the appearance of a fiery serpent, as they wind in and out of the ravines through the woods. It is confidently expected that the rain will be by that time. It is the intention for the party to gather in a body on the high ridge plateau west of St. Vincent's Hospital and march slightly above its rim, which is in full view from the city. Colonel Hawkins will make a special trip over the route to see that all parts of the trail are in good order.
PROMINENT OREGONIANS HONORED—At the meeting of Ellison Encampment, No. 1, I. O. O. F., on Tuesday evening, P. W. Stewart, P. G. P., and grand representatives of the Southern Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., which meets at Baltimore, Md., September 21, was presented with a beautiful gold watch. The presentation was made by J. G. Stewart, grand lodge, P. W. Stewart, who recalled the fact that the Encampment branch had made its largest gain in membership during Patrick Stewart's term of office. The recipient responded in a feeling manner, thanking the patriarchs for their beautiful gift, which he appreciated very much. The delegates to the Southern Grand Lodge are Robert Andrews, of Portland; Judge T. F. Ryan, of Oregon City; Dr. O. H. Nelson, of McMinnville, and P. W. Stewart, expect to leave for Baltimore September 21, over the O. R. & N. They are being supplied with a lot of Lewis and Clark literature, which they will distribute at the convention.
A. C. R. R. SEASIDE SERVICE to be continued until September 14, to meet the demands of the public. To meet the demands of the public the A. C. R. R. has four new motor coaches, to maintain its present summer schedule between Portland and all beach points until September 14. This excellent service has been in effect since July 8, and needs no recommendation. Leaving Union Depot at 8 A. M. daily, runs through to Seaside direct without transfer, reaching Gearhart at 12:30 P. M. and Seaside 12:50 P. M. Saturday afternoon the Seaside Flyer leaves Union Depot every Saturday at 7:30 P. M., and runs through to Seaside direct, arriving Astoria 5:30 P. M., Gearhart 8:30 P. M. and Astoria 9:30 P. M. Season excursion tickets between Portland and all beach points sold for 41 cent round trip. Special Saturday round trip excursion tickets between same points, good to return Sunday evening, \$2.50.
RAISERS FOUR-OUNCE PIECES—Several specimens of Pacific prunes, weighing four ounces each, full weight, were sent to the Oregonian office yesterday by S. C. Beach, who raised them on the place at Arrow Lodge, in this city. All who have seen them admit that they take "the prune cake" as far as size and weight are concerned. As to their good or bad qualities, nothing definite is known, but they can doubtless produce more tons to the acre and break down more trees by overproduction than any other prune.
"LONG DISTANCE" IMPROVED—The engineering experts of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company, who have been trying new methods on the long distance line, have been successful in greatly increasing their talking capabilities. They have just finished their work upon the line between Portland and San Francisco, and the quality of the talking capabilities of the line is surprising.
FLEISCHNER, MAYER & CO. BUILD—Fleischner, Mayer & Co., manufacturers and dealers in dry goods, are to have their new \$250,000 building constructed at once. They have a force of men at work tearing down the wooden shacks that now occupy the site of the new building at Second and Couch streets. Yesterday they secured a building permit from the city.
CHARLES HALSTEAD, who is one of the oldest, best-known and ablest barbers on the Pacific Coast, has just engaged an architect to build the Grand Barbary Coliseum.
MILL, rolling barley, granular, or feed, for rent; excellent railroad facilities. Apply 46 N. 19th street, cor. Wilson, after-noon.
DR. E. D. JOHNSON has removed to his new office, Mohawk bldg., cor. Third & Morrison streets; rooms 33 and 34.
DR. NETT CHURCHMAN, dentist, has re-located. Office, 334, 332 and 322 Marquam building.
SIXTEEN TEAMS with drivers to haul ties to Troutdale. Address Proctor & Beers, Cottrell, Or.
TO THE WARSHIP, steamer Ho Ho and launches leave foot of Morrison and Salmon streets.
LAUNCH leaves for warship, at foot of Washington street, from 1 to 2 P. M.
DR. W. I. NORTHUP has returned. Office, rooms 4-2 Washington building.
WATER—No. 1 backwash, in city; good water. Y. 2, Oregonian.
LAUNCHES leave for warship at foot of Stark street.
Finest fruit show. Wooster, 360 Morrison.
Dr. Bowley returned, 27 Hamilton bldg.
H. H. White, dentist, ret., Hamilton.

AMKOR TO HAVE STREET BRIDGE REPAIRED—A large number of property-owners are very anxious to have the bridge on East Eighth street, between East Carthage and Clinton streets, which has just been closed, put in order as soon as possible, as East Eighth street is an important thoroughfare. They will probably apply to the council for assistance in this matter, as the job will be quite an expensive one, the cost being more than the City Engineer has any idea that the Executive Board will be willing to appropriate out of their limited street repair fund. The bridge is 570 feet long, and the roadway is 36 feet in width. The roadway, which is badly worn and needs repair, needs some repairs. The new roadway will require about \$2,000 feet of 24-foot planks, which will cost \$18.50 per foot, amounting to \$37,800. Thirteen kegs of spikes will cost \$23, and labor \$40, making the total cost of the new roadway \$102,500. The project was originally proposed by the idea that the Executive Board will decline to draw on the limited street repair fund for the sum necessary to put this bridge in order, and they will have to ask the Council for assistance before the work is in the same situation.
BIDS ON CONCESSIONS INVITED—Sealed bids will be received until August 25, in-clusive, for the privilege of erecting and operating a temporary concession stand at the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, to be held in this city, from September 14 to September 28, inclusive. The committee will be at the Multnomah clubhouse Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, after 5 o'clock P. M., and supply further information. George W. Simons, chairman, con-venes on Tuesday, 7:30 P. M. Alder-street dock, Round trip, R. I.
DEATH OF MISS MAE WILLIAMS—Miss Mae Williams, daughter of Richard Williams, a member of the Board of Education for many years, died at the family residence, 255 Fourteenth street, yesterday.
ELKS ATTENTION—All persons who lost tickets to the Elks Club, are requested to bring them to the office of the Elks Club, at 100 Commercial street, for replacement.
O. B. BALL, dentist, returned. Dekum building.

CASTS HERSELF IN SLOUGH
MRS. HANNAH MOLANDER ENDS HER LIFE.
Suffering From Insanity, She Eludes Her Watchful Sister and Seeks a Watery Grave.
 Sliding her watchful sister, Mrs. Hannah Molander slipped from the residence of Peter, 825 Michigan avenue Sunday night and was forced by a demented mind to end her life by casting herself into a slough near the Portland flouring mills. The body of the unfortunate woman, was found yesterday afternoon by Mrs. J. Millard and her two little daughters.
 Mrs. Molander was the wife of Andrew Molander, of La Center, Wash. She was brought to the home of her sister, Mrs. Peter, last Tuesday, and was then known to be suffering from a mild form of insanity. The Petersons watched her carefully, but it is thought that she would make any attempt upon her life.
 Sunday evening Mrs. Molander made a number of efforts to get the Petersons out of the way for a time. Finally she succeeded in making the best of the opportunity slipped from a rear door and vanished in the growing darkness.
 The police were at once notified of the disappearance of the demented woman and the patrolmen of the East Side were instructed to be on the watch for her. Nothing was seen of Mrs. Molander, however, until her body, cast in the slough, was found yesterday afternoon by Mrs. J. Millard, who with two little girls was walking along the bank of the slough, midway between the new dry dock site and the Portland flouring mills.
 Preparatory to casting herself into the muddy water, Mrs. Molander had removed her hat and black jacket. Thus lying upon the low bank near the road, the body of the unfortunate was seen by Mrs. J. Millard, who with two little girls was walking along the bank of the slough, midway between the new dry dock site and the Portland flouring mills.
 Supported by the air in her clothes the body of the self-slain woman had not sunk below the surface since she threw herself into the slough, which is not more than a mile from the house on Michigan avenue, but in a neighborhood little frequented by any one, so the floating body thus escaped notice until yesterday.
 Coroner Finley was at once notified and took charge of the remains. The funeral will be held this afternoon from the Finley chapel. The interment will be in the cemetery, where the remains of Mrs. Molander's father and former husband, D. F. Jacobson, are buried.
 Mrs. Hannah Molander was 56 years old. Her mother, Mrs. Carlton, lives at 290 Corbett street.
 Coroner Finley made a thorough investigation of the case and was satisfied that the woman had committed suicide. No in-quest was therefore held.

NEW BILL AT SHIELDS' FOR NEXT WEEK.
Manager Edward Shields states that he will be prepared to announce his attractions for the coming season in the papers Saturday. He has secured some fine talent for his show and will see that the excellent bill of the current week is surpassed by the artists he booked. The drawing pictures for the pro-gramme, which commences Sunday night, have already arrived from Chicago, where they were especially manufactured for Manager Shields.
FORESTERS' EXCURSION.
 The Order of Foresters will give a popular excursion next Sunday via the Southern Pacific, going south on the East Side and returning from Corvallis on the West Side. Train will leave Union Depot at 8 A. M.
STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.
Gresham Residence Is Set on Fire by Electric Bolt.
GRESHAM, Or., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—During a severe thunder storm the residence of Johnnie Cleveland at this place was struck by lightning and set on fire. The bolt struck the roof and went through into the parlor, where it shattered a studding between two windows and passed through the floor into the ground. The window was not injured, but the inside of the room was soon in flames, and considerable damage was done to the building and furniture before the fire was extinguished by the fire department. Mrs. Cleveland was alone in another part of the house, but was unaware that anything had happened until neighbors came to put out the fire. Such a small hole was made in the roof by the lightning that it could scarcely be found, but the west wall of the building was badly damaged. The building was insured in the McClintockville Company, which promptly paid the loss and covered the damages, although it does not insure against lightning. Such freaks of the elements are very rare here, this being the first of the kind ever known in this vicinity, although trees are sometimes struck by lightning during such electrical disturbances.
Tiemarks Dissatisfied.
 The ties of Eastern Multnomah County are all raised again by the deliver- ing their products at Troutdale, but their owners are dissatisfied with the small victory the railroad companies gained over them last month when they were all shut down for several weeks. The price of ties was reduced from 30 cents to 25 cents, delivered at Troutdale, and there is a feeling that the price should be returned to its old figure. All the mills, in number, belong to the Columbia River Tie and Lumber Association, with head-quarters in Portland, and a concerted move- ment is on foot to bring the railroad com- panies to terms. A representative of the association has been visiting the mills of this vicinity, and there is a probability that another market will be opened, unless a better figure is obtained for the ties manufactured by the mills of the association. It is the intention to ship the ties, either by rail or on the water, in sailing vessels, and the price was raised by the O. R. & N. Co., which has been taking all the product up to the present time.
 It is said that cheap freights can be secured by water and that there is an un- limited market for all ties that can be made.
Much Grain Damaged.
 Much damage is being done to grain in this county by the continued showery weather. In our section the grain is damaged to a great extent, and threshing ma- chines are at work wherever the grain has been stacked. Late fields that had not ripened are being harvested and should yield better than early-sown crops if the weather comes off hot again.
Remembered by His Friends.
 David Brown, formerly of Rockwood, but now living at Lexington, was one of the sufferers by the Heppner disaster. He belongs to three fraternal orders, each of which sent him money from their relief funds. It was his wife, Mrs. Brown, who preferred that he should have their dona- tions to having it put in a Portland bank along with the unexpended balance con- tributed by others.
ACKNOWLEDGMENT.
 Though language will never fully ex- press the gratitude we owe to the many friends who aided us in our recent severe trial, I wish to express our gratitude to a few of them. We are especially indebted to those with their kind sympathies who feel that we owe a public acknowledgment to those whom we cannot take by the hand and express our deep gratitude face to face.
 First of all our thanks to the brave men who risked their lives in the treacherous element to save the life of our son, to them a stranger, but to us the sun of our life, C. C. Spencer, of Oregon City, Charles A. Burden and John Straub, of Eugene, and N. Bush, of Salem. Though not success- ful in their efforts to save our son, they were ever before, and Messrs. Cordray & Rus- sell report that the best class of bookings ever seen in its history will be seen at Cordray's Popular Family Theater during the coming season.
Matinee at Marquam Today.
 This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock a popular ladies' and children's matinee will be given by The People's Alliphan Opera Company, playing to-night at the Mar- quam Grand Theatre where they will present their greatest success, "The Belle of New York." The last performance was given last evening when the same bill will be given.
Era Kendall Tomorrow.
 Era Kendall presenting, supported by a most capable company, in a play which will appeal to people in all walks of life. "The Vinegar Buyer" will be the attraction at the Marquam Grand Theatre tomorrow night, continuing Sat- urday afternoon and night. The sale of seats opened yesterday.
Amateur Night at Shields' Park.
 Tomorrow is amateur night at Shields' Park, and this means that there will be crowds of fun when the young men and young women with inclinations toward the stage make their initial bow to a Portland audience. The stage is being managed and served this week is one of the most enjoyable turns presented this season, and the dancing of Caston and Har- vey is artistic. The new troupe, of which bill are also of the highest vaudeville order.
Cordray's Opening Sunday.
 Frank Bacon, the well-known comedian, supported by a company in a play written expressly for him, will open the season of 1920-4 at Cordray's Theater next Sunday evening. Mr. Bacon has just closed his three years' engagement at the Alcazar Theatre, San Francisco, where he has played the principal comedy parts in more than a hundred different plays.
 "The Hills of California" is his new play and the part of Amos Hill is said to fit him better than any character he has ever appeared in. The company has met with flattering success on its trip to Portland.
Japanese Gymnasts Next Week.
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