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AMUSEMENTS. CORDRAY'S THEATER, Washington Street—Evening, 8:15. "The Hills of California." SHIELDS PARK, Thirteenth and Washington—Vaudeville. EMPYRE THEATER, Twelfth and Morrison—Matinee 2:15, evening, 8:15, vaudeville.

RAIN SPOOLS AN OUTING.—Charles E. Oliver, who left for Scappoose about August 21, accompanied by his 13-year-old son and a friend, to spend a ten-day vacation in the mountains, has returned. He said it was not a very enjoyable trip. They took a boat to Scappoose, and there hired a boat to take them to the end of the road in the mountains, and from there pecked their camp equipment on up toward the head waters of Scappoose Creek till nearly night, and then went into camp. That night it rained in torrents, and they all got thoroughly soaked, and they never got dry again till they got home. The deer were very plentiful about their camp, but the fern and salal brush was very thick and dense, and they could not be seen. Hunting in thick brush, with streams of water running down inside one's collar and pouring out at the tops of one's boots was not pleasant. The boy was the only one who enjoyed it, but it was a novelty to him. The creek in which they camped was alive with trout, but they would not bite, being gorged with the insects the rain had knocked off the trees into the water, and there was no fishing. After a second night in a wet camp, it was decided to start for home. The tramp out through the wet brush and over the rough road to Scappoose was not a pleasant one, and the peace and happiness of the party was not restored until they had reached home and had a change of clothing.

DANCED AROUND THE BAMBOO TREE.—After spending two weeks with a party camped in the upper part of North Beach, N. Davidson arrived home yesterday, and says the last night they were in camp was the jolliest of the whole outing. A very large bamboo, about four inches in diameter, had been cut up and placed on the beach by the surf, which excited much curiosity, as none of the party had ever seen anything of the kind on the beach before. They imagined it had drifted all the way from Japan or some of the islands on the Pacific, and so hauled it up on the shore and made a great to-do over it, though it had probably been washed or thrown overboard or thrown from some ship or steamer. Finally a hole was dug and the bamboo set up in the center of camp, and that evening they built a big bonfire and all gathered around it and sang "Under the Bamboo Tree" for a long time. There were two mandolins and a guitar in the party, and the catchy air mentioned was never sung with more enthusiasm, nor sounded more melodious. Finally the affair wound up by the singers joining in a "ragtime" song, and to the music of the instruments, which was kept up till all were tired out. Pieces of the bamboo tree were brought back by several of the party, who intend to have them carved or painted as souvenirs of the jolly evening.

RETURN FROM SUCCESSFUL HUNT.—Last Friday a party consisting of James Cooper and Elmer Griebel, of Mount Hood; Thomas Thompson, of Scappoose; and Clausen, Jr., of Portland, returned from a very successful hunt in the region east of Mount Hood, between Badger Lake and Falls Creek. The first day of the hunt was successful in that they killed a mountain sheep, which was a great difficulty to experience in bringing them out. One of the horses had a miraculous escape, rolling down the mountain 100 feet, with a heavy pack, and landing in some thick brush, where he saved a few scratches. There are plenty of deer in this region, and many more could easily have been killed but for the difficulty in preserving the meat. The party also reports fine views of the mountains.

MAMAZAS WILL LIGHT THE HILLS.—There is to be a big gathering of the Mamazas Saturday night at Macleay Park, and every one of the pilgrims is asked to bring a lantern, a tin cup and also a Chinese lantern to assist in the general illuminations and to light the road a part of the way home. Those of the party who live down town will board Twenty-third street cars and assemble at Williams-Holmes bridge, at 8:30 P. M. Supper will be served in Macleay Park about 4 P. M., and there will be a grand illumination, regardless of expense, on the crest of the hill between Macleay Park and the City Park. The members of the special committee in charge of the outing are: Colonel L. L. Hawkins, Mrs. John Cran, Miss E. E. McBride and A. S. Patullo.

SPORTSMEN ANXIOUS TO KILL BEAR.—Sportsmen anxious to kill bear should take a launch and journey along the shores of the Lower Columbia. The passengers on a boat bound for Astoria Sunday, while en route, were told of a bear on the Washington shore, just below Pillar Rock, saw an old bear and two cubs, which had been eating salmon and salmon heads on the beach, leaping down the bank, not even endeavoring to keep out of sight. At this season, now that the berries are about gone, many bears resort to the river to feed on salmon or the salmon heads thrown up by the cannermen, or other refuse. They get very fat on this rich food, on which they gorge themselves day after day. It is probable that the bear meat would have a fishy taste, but they are not shot for their flesh, but only for the skins. They are very fat on this rich food, on which they gorge themselves day after day. It is probable that the bear meat would have a fishy taste, but they are not shot for their flesh, but only for the skins. They are very fat on this rich food, on which they gorge themselves day after day.

MECHANIC'S PAVILION DOOMED.—Once more it is announced that the old Mechanic's Pavilion is to be torn down. There have been so many desirous of taking charge of the matter that it has been difficult to make a selection. Finally a general contract for the removal of the whole wreck has been let to Contractor Olds, and yesterday he was engaged in trying to sublet parts of the work, with prospects of success. An official of the Union Market Company said last evening: "I think the greater part of the old building will disappear this week." One who has been waiting for years to see the city rid of the old nuisance, on hearing this remark of the official, said: "I expect to see it standing there ten years from now." It was admitted that the experience of the past gave one a good reason for such a belief, but that the appointed time for the old shack has come, nevertheless.

BAKER HUSS TAKES AN AX.—Raises a Disturbance in His Home, and is Arrested. An unknown number of drinks, a disturbance, raised there, at an ax-wielding neighbor, who was once a policeman, landed William Huss, a baker of Woodlawn, in the City Jail last evening. Huss, it appears, had been on a nice little celebration all by himself. He came home in a bad state of mind and began to vent his feelings upon his family and the furniture. The noise disturbed the community and brought forth the neighbors in a hurry. Frank Patten, formerly a member of the police force, lives near the Huss residence. By his neighbors that the disturbance must be stopped, Huss is claimed, grasped an ax and started to clear out every one in sight. Patten went to his own home and procured a revolver. Then he returned to the house of Huss and quietness wherein dwelt the Huss family. Huss was not so drunk that he could not realize the difference in effectiveness between an ax in his own unsteady hands and a pistol held by a man accustomed to its use. So he gave in, in the jaws of one of Huss' eyes were slightly injured and when brought to the Police Station he insisted that the doctor be summoned. City Physician Zan was found at length and the superficial injury dressed.

WHERE TO DINE.—All the delicacies of the season at the Portland Restaurant, 303 Wash., near 5th. Imperial Hotel, restaurant, 21 floor; six-course dinner, \$2.50; first-class service, a la carte, 8:30 A. M. to 8 P. M.

AMUSEMENTS

Empire Theater. The Tetsuami troupe—Jugglers and acrobats. Leo Dunhylla, shadowgraphs. Mounts and Delmar, in "Our Country Cousin". Truss and Rogers, scientific dancers. Excella, dainty contortionist. Lloyd Spencer, with new jokes. Maude Still, the petite acrobate. The Three Kuhns, "Emperors of Music and Song". Louis Dacre, "The Funny Lady", and Lady Dolly. Bioscope.

An audience limited only to the size of the Empire Theater enjoyed a well-selected and varied vaudeville program at that place of amusement last night. The entire bill in one was developed in a most interesting manner. For topplers there are the six members of the Tetsuami troupe of Japanese jugglers and acrobats. They are as clever as any team I ever witnessed. The strong woman of the troupe dances on a slack wire, and when she gives a sudden pull to the top part of her stage costume it disappears and lo, she is dressed in the stars and stripes. She also juggles cleverly and balances a pole on the top of which a Japanese girl performs. The strong man of the troupe makes his feet perform manual work by balancing a drum and sticks on his fingers. The sensation came when a little white-haired Asiatic girl climbed on top of the drum, and then entered the drum while the acrobat swung her around at astonishing speed. Another feat was juggling with fans, globes and sticks. A fitting finish came when a Jap juggled with two flambeaux. When the theater was darkened he swung the flambeaux around his head until he seemed to be enveloped in fire. Then he slowly decreased his speed and quenched the fire with a breath. It is a great act and worth the price of admission alone.

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Adel's New Comedy Makes a Hit. CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—George Adel's new comedy drama, "The County Chairman," received its first Chicago production at the Stodolker Theater this evening and scored a hit. The opera was brought out under the management of Henry Savage, and was presented by a capable company headed by Maclyn Arbuckle. The initial production of "The County Chairman" was at South Bend, Ind., Friday last.

Our load of new Fall goods is coming in. Here's the boldest fashion news—for business, chevrons in neat mixtures and wool goods in Scotch colors; fine checks and plaids; worsted serges in blue and black. Three-buttoned sack suits, single or double-breasted, deeper lapels and vest opening. We want you to come in and look at our new goods. They are worth seeing. And we believe that after you have seen them you will think they are worth buying at our prices. Come and see them, anyway. Remember that you don't have to buy, and that you'll not be asked to buy.

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ORRIN JOHNSON APPEARS AS A STAR. CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Orrin Johnson made his debut as a star at Powers' Theater before an audience that taxed the capacity of the house, in the dramatization of Hallie Ermine Rives' novel, "Hearts Courageous," by Ramsay Morris and Franklin Files. The play and the star were remarkably well received, each making a distinct impression. Following each act Mr. Johnson was given numerous curtain calls, and responded to a demand for a speech. Mr. Morris, the co-author, who was also present, also made a speech in response to an enthusiastic demand from the audience.

Willard Scores in "The Cardinal." LONDON, Aug. 31.—On the reopening of the theatrical season today, E. S. Willard had a great success in the production of Louis N. Barker's play, "The Cardinal," at St. James' Theater. He was ably supported by Herbert Waring, as Brozzi, and Nina Lindsay, as Filiberta. Willard is giving matinee performances of a dramatization of "Martin Chuzzlewit," under the title of "Tom Pinch," Willard himself taking the title role.

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