

ALL AFTER SEATS

Great Rush to the Press Club Minstrel Show.

FINISHING TOUCHES PUT ON

Rehearsals Draw Admiration From the Insect World and the Audience Will Get Its Fill of Amusement Tonight.

That the people of Portland are eager to see and hear the Press Club minstrels at the Empire Theatre tonight is evident from the readiness with which seats have been sold. There has been a steady stream to the Empire box office during the last two days and almost all the seats on the floor and the balcony have been sold.

The minstrels had a stage rehearsal yesterday afternoon at the Empire and are now as proficient as a company of professionals. This was followed by a private rehearsal in the Press Club rooms in the Marquam building in the evening, at which the roof rang with melody.

The jokes were so bright that they made the electric lights look pale by comparison and the harmony was so perfect that the flies on the window-panes marched in step to keep time to it, and a parade of roaches was detected marching across the floor when Mr. Costello gave the "Congo Love Song."

Then John Stevenson rehearsed his speech and when the long words curled around the heads of the roaches, the parade broke up in disorder and the friendly insects which hunt all newspaper gossips fled to cover by comparison.

The show will begin at 8 o'clock with the minstrel performance. After that will come the complete vaudeville programme of the Empire, which would draw a crowd on its merits alone. Any man who thinks he does not get his money's worth for the better he carries for must be such an inveterate kicker that he will kick himself out of bed in his sleep.

TRAIN SERVICE REDUCED.

Oregon Division of Southern Pacific Will Not Suffer.

The reduction of train service and other operating forces on the lines of the Southern Pacific road has caused considerable comment and caused conjecture as to what extent the reduction would affect the Oregon branch of the road. In some places, especially in Clatsop county, the service of the system has been curtailed to a considerable extent, but local officials of the road state that the Oregon division will suffer but little, if any, reduction. But few changes are to be made here. The cause for the taking off of trains and the reducing of the working forces is ascribed to a plan of economy that is to be practiced by the system. All some of the money that has been spent in improvements is regained. Manager R. Koehler has made the following statement in relation to the reduction of service: "We reduced our freight train service slightly, partly because of scarcity of cars, partly because of the closing of the season for the mills in the Shasta region."

"Some of the forces which were engaged for the season in ballasting, filling trestles and in tie renewals, have been withdrawn, but this will not affect the regular forces at work engaged in rail renewal, which will be kept on until this season's work is completed. "Our bridge carpenter forces have been slightly reduced, but we were obliged to defer certain bridge work which we hoped to complete this season, but for which we could not get the necessary material from the manufacturers before the high-water season."

"Aside from the above and some reductions in the working hours in the shops, as has been the case in other divisions, no material reductions have been made on our division. "We have finished quite recently the very substantial steel trestle over the Oregon river, consisting of two trusses of 150 feet, and one plate girder of 60 feet, and will soon erect the steel viaduct over Grays Creek, spanning a gulch of more than 100 feet in height, at which the piers and abutments are completed. It was the intention to put in this year steel bridges over the North and South Yamhill and the Lockmanette, on our West Side division, and over the Tualatin on the Yamhill division, as well as bridges over the North and South Santiam, on the Woodburn-Springfield branch. Some of the structural material for these bridges has been delivered on the ground, but delivery of some, as well as of the iron work for the cylinder piers, was delayed so that we are obliged to defer this work for this season. Reinforcing the present wooden structures was not planned, because of their physical condition, but solely in pursuance of the established policy to replace them gradually by modern steel bridges in preparation for heavier engine power and rolling stock, to be ultimately used on the road.

"Quite a number of trestles have been filled during the year on the southern portion of the road, and considerable ballasting done. When the heavy rains, now distributed, have been laid, which will be in the course of a few days or so, we shall have a continuous stretch from Ashland to Dunsuir, with exception of about 12 miles in the Shasta River Valley, laid with 80-pound steel.

"The regular forces for maintenance of the properties are not being reduced beyond what is customary during the winter season. "Speaking on this subject in a general way, and with reference to all lines of the company, it may be said that the large expenditures for heavier power and equipment, for cutting down of grades and elimination of curves, ballasting of track and substitution of solid fills for trestlework, of steel bridges for wooden structures, for which in the past three years large sums have been spent, puts the company in position to practice certain economies by carrying heavier trains and therefore using less trains to move a given volume of traffic, as well as reducing the cost of track renewal, and thus permits a reduction in working forces.

"The aggregate expenditures on the Southern Pacific Company's lines during the past three years ending June 30, 1903, have recently been stated in The Oregonian. Twenty million four hundred and sixty-two thousand dollars have been spent for betterments in roadway by change of line, reduction in grades, heavier rails, ballasting and permanent structures, etc., which does not include cost of construction of Lucia cut-off

CASH IS NOT ABUNDANT

CITY DEPARTMENTS MUST PRACTICE CLOSE ECONOMY.

Funds Barely Sufficient to Carry Most of Them Through the Year—Levy for Next Year.

Whatever ideas of expansion and improvement may occupy the minds of heads of city departments, they are fully withheld at the present time by the smallness of the amount of money now in the city treasury. This sounds rather contrary, too, when it is considered that an amount of \$400,000 on hand, to be exact, there is \$406,853.41.

However, this amount has to carry the City of Portland through more than two months of financial year-end work, and nearly every dollar of the amount stands appropriated. Already city employees are figuring the apportionment of funds for next year. In many of the funds there will not be a surplus on hand.

Why the light fund will have the balance is not easily explained except that it will have the balance, which is the main point. But this surplus will have to be installed, and the same thing applies to the water fund, as there are to be many additions to the waterworks owing to increased population and water supply.

The condition of the different funds at the present time is as follows: General Fund \$73,877.29; Police Department \$2,158.83; Fire Department \$7,514.83; Bonded Debt Interest \$4,494.43; Light \$1,424.33; Street \$1,424.33; Water \$17,187.94; Fire \$2,158.83.

The street fund is already in rather a tight place and without substantial sustenance from the general fund will see a hard time this year. The year will see to the extensive street repaving and improvements.

The tax levy for the coming year will be 2 1/2 mills and apportionment of funds will be made as soon as the tax money is on hand. The total valuation of taxable property for last year was \$44,130,000 and officials believe that this year will see an increase of about \$1,000,000 since the last levy, which will swell the fund for apportionment. This apportionment will be made in December and will go into effect on January 1st of the old year has breathed its last.

Santa Fe Plans Many Cut-Offs.

SANTA FRANCISCO, Oct. 27.—Following the announcement that the Santa Fe will shorten transcontinental time a whole day by building a 250-mile cutoff, comes the statement that more cutoffs on the system in the southwestern territory are being planned.

Surveys have been completed for an extension to Santa Fe, Prescott and Phoenix, which, if built, will form a part of the low-grade transcontinental line. The Phoenix & Eastern, which will connect with the Santa Fe at Deming, is being pushed forward, and the Crown Creek extension has been completed for a distance of 16 miles. It extends from Mayer, Ariz., to the Crown King mining district.

Louis Hill Succeeds Brother.

ST. PAUL, Oct. 27.—At a meeting of the directors of the Great Northern Railway Company today, J. N. Hill resigned the office of vice-president and Louis W. Hill was elected his successor. Both are sons of President J. J. Hill. J. N. Hill has been in Portland for some time and is now traveling abroad.

J. W. Phalon Transferred.

J. W. Phalon, local traveling passenger agent of the Great Northern Railway, has been transferred to the St. Paul office of that company and will leave for the new field on Saturday. Mr. Phalon will be succeeded by H. E. Lucas, now stationed at Seattle.

TO DESCRIBE CITY AND STATE

Chamber of Commerce Appropriates \$500 for Advertising Pamphlet.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday, it was decided to appropriate \$500 to be used by the Lewis and Clark Fair for the purpose of preparing a descriptive book about Portland and Oregon. This pamphlet is to be printed in the most attractive and interesting shape possible, and will be used to advertise this city and state.

After this matter was attended to a large amount of routine business was disposed of. A letter was received from ex-Senator J. A. Wilson, of Washington, regarding a request at being forced to decline the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce to deliver an address in this city in the near future.

The matter of improving the train service over the Northern Pacific line between Portland and Gray's Harbor was discussed and referred to the committee on transportation.

The action of President Livingston in appropriating \$200 to be used in securing the convention in 1904 of the American Association of Traveling Passenger Agents was approved.

The matter of the shortage in cars, especially on the Southern Pacific line, was taken up and referred to the committee on transportation.

The following were admitted to membership: Alameda Mining Company, Palmer Brok. Investment Company, W. G. Smith Magnifying Company, Oregon Paper Company, Edgar M. Lazarus, architect; T. S. McGrath, Rapp & Schlegel, Ralston Machine Company, the Morgan Company, Jonathan Bourne, Marshall Bros., Cole-Pope Company, Morgan-Walsh Paper Company, Ashley & Bumelia, John T. Grayson, Nathan & Wertheimer Company.

ANNIVERSARY OF ROOSEVELT.

Many Presents Sent Him as Reminder of Forty-Fourth Birthday.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—President Roosevelt celebrated his 44th anniversary of his birth today. Many beautiful and touching reminders of the event came to him from every part of the country. Hundreds of telegrams and letters of congratulation were received at the White House during the day.

Gritzmacher No Longer Books.

Some policeman with a capacity for figures is slated to attend to the handling of books and records at the police station, in order to give Police Captain Gritzmacher, who takes care of the records at present, more time to attend to purely police business. No appointment has been made as yet.

\$150,000 Fire in New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Twenty houses, including stores and private residences, were destroyed tonight in a fire that swept over two city blocks in Kings Bridge, at the upper end of Manhattan Island. The Kingsbridge Hotel, formerly a famous roadhouse, was destroyed. Total property damage, \$150,000.

Slayer of Deputy Sheriff in Jail.

DENVER, Oct. 27.—A special to the Republican from Basin City, Wyo., says James F. Walker, a man indicted for complicity in the lynching of General and Walters and the killing of Deputy Sheriff Price, has been arrested and is in jail.

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BIDS ON SELLWOOD FERRY.

Bids for the new Sellwood ferryboat were opened yesterday afternoon by the committee of the Executive Board having the work in charge. However, the members of the committee were not fully prepared to render a decision and the final awarding of contracts for both machinery and boat will be made at another meeting of the committee will be held.

Following are the bids submitted yesterday: Phoenix Iron Works, hull and machinery complete, \$11,100; for new hull and old machinery, \$9700.

Portland Shipbuilding Company, \$3885 for boat, 190 days' time; Joseph Supple, boat, \$3000; F. B. Smith, boat, \$500; John C. Stevens, boat, \$2000; Paquet & Smith, boat, \$465; four and one-half months' time.

New Men in City Engineer's Office.

Appointments to fill vacancies in the surveying force of the City Engineer's department were made yesterday. The new employees are chalmers and will receive \$65 per month. They are: P. X. Sherlock, W. J. Ward, J. E. McLaughlin, W. J. Beatty, J. E. McLaughlin, H. A. Demmer, Eugene Walsh, J. J. Gorman. All are graded as class 12, division C men.

HIS SONS MUST VACATE.

Joseph Heiney Wins Suit for His Farm.

The decision of the Supreme Court Monday in the case of Joseph Heiney against his two sons, Arthur and Albert Heiney, for possession of his home place near Greesham, resulted in favor of the father. Joseph Heiney brought suit for ejectment on the ground that the sons had failed to keep their engagement. An appeal was taken to the Circuit Court, and finally to the Supreme Court, and the father won in all the courts. The housekeeper was recently fined in Justice Court for a charge of assault and battery on her father, but the hearing, which was fixed for last Friday, was indefinitely postponed for some reason. A warrant was also issued for the boys' arrest for a more serious crime, but now that the Supreme Court has decided in favor of the father, it is expected that none of these cases will reach the Supreme Court.

Joseph Heiney and his wife are pioneers, and it is said by those who profess to be familiar with the circumstances that there never was any trouble between them and their sons until they employed the housekeeper to supplant their mother.

TO FIT UP ANOTHER ROOM.

Mount Tabor District No. 5 Will Employ Fourteen Teachers.

At the Mount Tabor school election in district No. 5, it was decided by the directors to spend \$1200 to fit up two more classrooms in the Glencoe building. L. S. Normandin, chairman of the board of directors, said that one room would be fitted up at once and occupied, and the other would be left for the next term. It also would be furnished if the attendance continues to increase as it has since the opening of the school.

Superintendent Adams reported the attendance in the West avenue and Glencoe buildings at 53, the largest number in the history of the district. With the new room in the Glencoe in use the district will be employing 14 teachers.

BIG DAM ON CLACKAMAS.

Water to Generate Electric Power for O. W. P. Car Line.

The Oregon Water Power & Railway Company is preparing to harness the Clackamas River by building a dam and erecting a great power plant. Those who went out to the end of the line on the last excursion were amazed at the magnitude of the dam that is proposed and on which work has been started. It will spring from the high banks on either side of the river. It will be 20 feet high, and at the bottom will be 100 feet wide, tapering toward the top. It will be built of stone, concrete and timbers.

As no immediate great power can be developed from this dam for operating the cars and for other purposes. It is evident the company will operate the trains by electric power, the trolley wires being run as poles for the trolley wires have been distributed. At present locomotives pull the trains from Leas, but these will be supplanted. Those who have gone to the dam to see the construction at the great undertaking, and can hardly believe that it is simply a short electric railway. They say, however, that it lands the dam, and the scenery, where the scenery is not surpassed anywhere, and that the line is destined to become popular for tourists.

SPICER STILL A MEMBER.

Says He is Not Out of the United Presbyterian Church.

Rev. J. H. Gibson, of the United Presbyterian Church, Wasco street and Grand avenue, says that he was misquoted in his short interview Monday regarding the membership of W. E. Spicer in that church. Dr. Gibson was asked whether Mr. Spicer had been reinstated to membership or not, and Dr. Gibson now says he did not answer the question one way or the other. In order to ascertain his views as to the status of Spicer, the views of Mr. Spicer were put to Dr. Gibson yesterday direct: "Is Spicer still a member of your church?" The answer was: "I do not know, but I want to say that more published about the matter."

W. S. Spicer said yesterday that he was still a full-fledged member of the United Presbyterian Church, according to the rules and laws of the denomination. Under these regulations, he said, no charges had been made against him.

Death of John Cully.

John Cully died in his home on East Twenty-sixth and East Pine streets Monday, after a lingering illness of consumption, having lasted several years. Mr. Cully traveled widely in New Mexico, Arizona and California, and was a member of the climate would facilitate his recovery, but he received no permanent benefit. He was 36 years of age and the son of Thomas Cully, a well-known merchant of Columbia Slough. A wife, the daughter of Thomas McManis, of Rockwood, and three children survive him. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from the residence.

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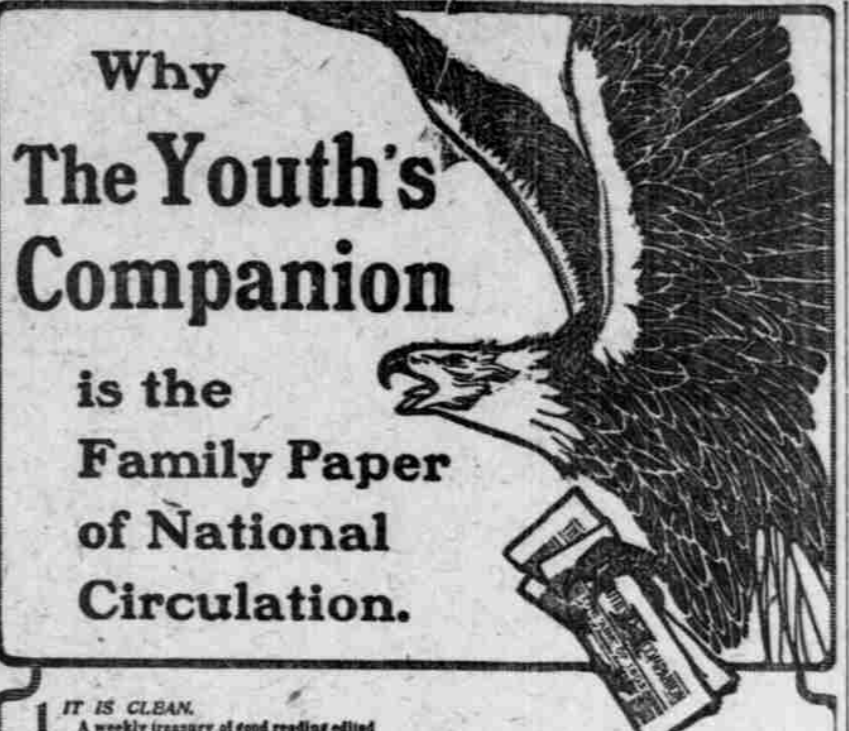
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WILL COME WEST IN 1905

CHRISTIAN CHURCH CONVENTION HAS DECIDED.

Rev. J. F. Ghoramley is confident that Portland will be selected as the Meeting Place.

The International Missionary Convention of the Christian Church will be held on the Pacific Coast in 1905. This is a certainty, and it is not unreasonable to state also as a certainty that Portland will be the city selected for the big meeting.

Rev. J. F. Ghoramley, of the First Christian Church, has returned from the convention, which was this year held in Detroit and reports much good work done in advertising this section of the country. Portland and the coming Exposition in particular.

It persuaded the publishers of the Christian Standard to issue a "Great Northwest" number, said Mr. Ghoramley yesterday, and furnished all the pictures and reading matter myself, so I was satisfied that the Standard was well advertised.

This paper has a circulation of 50,000, and is probably read by many times that number of people, so that the news about the coming of the Exposition, the beauty of Oregon scenery, the fine climate and innumerable resources of the state will reach every corner of the country.

CLASS ALL AS "AMERICANS." Explanation of Mistake That Many Cardinals Were to Be Created.

ROME, Oct. 27.—Some time after the recent conclave, the Vatican was surprised at a report from the United States that a high prelate of the church there had spoken repeatedly of the possibility of several American bishops being created.

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