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AMUSEMENTS.
MARQUAM GRAND THEATRE. Morrison street, bet. 5th and 7th. 2:15, 8:15, 10:15. The musical comedy, "The Storke".
THE BAKER THEATRE. Third and Yamhill streets. Matinee, 2:15. The Baker company in "Too Much Johnson".
ARCADE THEATRE. Seventh and Washington. 7:30, 9:30, 11:30. The musical comedy, "The Storke".
CORDEY'S THEATRE. Washington street. Matinee, 2:15; evening, 8:15. "Too Much Johnson".
THE EMPIRE THEATRE. Twelfth and Morrison streets. 7:15; evening, 8:15. "King of the Oyster Ring".

CHANCE TO SPECTATE.—Everybody has heard of the lost fleet, that is, everybody has heard that one of the seven stars of this constellation has wandered off into limitless space, but no one has ever known where it went, or what became of it. Another mystery nearly as wonderful is the disappearance of a star which formerly existed near the intersection of East Hall and East Eleventh streets. A plumber who was seeking to connect a new house with it discovered, after sinking a pit to the depth of 15 feet, that it had disappeared. These mysterious disappearances, as well as the recent statements of Professor Crocker, Professor and Madame Curie and others regarding the atomic theory, give play to the highest speculative imaginations of which the human mind is capable. It is now held that each atom formerly considered indivisible is a whole stellar system composed of a tremendous number of absolutely identical units, all in orbital motion. This leads one to wonder if the earth and other planets are not more ions forming a single atom of a higher universe, where perhaps they constitute a speck of dust that worries the careful housewife in the world next above us.

EASTERN ELMS LIVE LONGER.—A visitor from the East was observed standing at the corner of the Postoffice grounds yesterday admiring the large and spreading elm tree which stands at the northeast corner of the block occupied by the Postoffice residence of the late H. W. Corbett. The boughs of the tree spread clear across Yamhill street, and drop down almost within reach of a person standing on the sidewalk. The stranger said he was familiar with elm shade trees in Massachusetts, where there are many fine ones, but he had never seen one of the size of this, which made such graceful and sweeping curves, and dropped so far. Of course, there were much larger elms, and in Salem, Mass., much further spreading ones, but they were of the English variety, which grow for 100 years, remain stationary for another 100, and are another 100 in decay. Few of the elms in this city are likely to stand even 100 years, as the streets are not wide enough to accommodate them.

BOUND TO BE NEAT.—There were very few among the orderly, well-dressed and prosperous looking people who thronged the streets and overtook the cars on the evening of Thanksgiving day who showed any signs of having imbibed too freely. One young man must, however, have slightly overlooked himself, judging from his actions while breakfasting at a restaurant yesterday morning. Noticing in a mirror on the wall that his hair was rumpled, he seized a piece of toast in one hand and a hot milk in the other and used them as if they were a pair of military hair brushes in brushing his rumpled locks. He next picked up a bottle of Worcestershire sauce and used it to dress the hair with this. When the waiter interfered and prevented him from doing so, a riot was only prevented by the timely intervention of friends.

CHRISTMAS IS NEXT.—Christmas is coming, and provident people are taking time by the forelock and laying in a stock of presents for that occasion, or money to buy them. A nice young woman, with a duffy head of hair, was seen yesterday pricing clear cases, which she could not have wanted for herself. The most gorgeous she could find were in the form of automobiles, which would please almost anybody, but she was looking for one in the form of a piano. A friend of hers had one which was made in Switzerland, and when opened displayed three beautiful pieces. Probably the young man would be pleased to receive 100 good cigars in a plain cedar box, if she would allow him to smoke them while she was playing for him.

HAVE ENOUGH SEWERS.—Several residents of Sunnyside were at the City Hall early yesterday to be present at a meeting of the Council committee on sewers. They said it was not more sewers they wanted, but less. Only two members of the committee put in an appearance, and the meeting was put off till Monday. The citizens in waiting would have been committee had a habit of not having a quorum when people wanted to get before them. The committee said it was not less sewers these people wanted, but less sewer assessments, which would please almost anybody, but she was looking for one in the form of a piano.

PARTNER NEEDED LOTS OF TURKEY.—The most extravagant purchaser of turkey for Thanksgiving was John H. Burdard, who sent home a big one for each member of his family. When asked to explain this unusual extravagance, he said that he paid for the birds out of the \$50 he got for the blooded pointer he won in a race. He said he did not expect his family to dispose of all the birds, but had invited his partner to dinner, and he was a regular turkey man, and he desired to have cold turkey every Sunday, and some left to make hash, which is one of the best styles of serving turkey he knew of.

GO NO THANKSGIVING TURKEY.—A prominent citizen, who has, without any ostentatious display, for several years past presented to each member of the street-cleaning force a turkey at Thanksgiving, has this year omitted this donation, on account of more pressing calls on his purse. Of course, the street cleaners, who are mostly poor men of families, regret this, and there is now an opportunity for some good-hearted man to furnish them with turkeys for Christmas. The mention of this matter, it is believed, will be all that is necessary to have it attended to.

ONLY 25 CENTS TO THE DALLIES AND WAY LANDINGS.—Take steamer Bailey Gatzert and get to your destination from one to two hours ahead of any other steamer on the river. Leaves Alder-street dock 7 A. M. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Meals 25 cents. Steamer Dallas City leaves 8:30 A. M. same days. Tickets to any point only 25 cents. Phone Main 514.

WON FIVE TURKEYS.—A party of sportsmen who would evidently rather shoot than eat, went out to Eugene on Thanksgiving day to attend a blue rock and turkey shoot. In the party were M. Abrams, Henry Elmer, E. Long, R. Carlin, W. Leman and others, eight in all. They won five turkeys, and arrived home the same evening.

PIRATES GETTING CHEAPER.—Morgan's pirates have been coming to market in larger numbers than ever during the past few days, and are now selling at \$1 a pair, so that all can have pleasant pie if they desire. The market men say the country is full of them and they will have all they can handle as long as fine weather lasts.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Services tomorrow at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. The pastor, Rev. Edgar P. Hill, D. D., will occupy the pulpit morning and evening. In the evening Dr. Hill will speak of his Eastern trip.

CHARITY WORKERS THANKS.—Thanksgiving day was spent by Mrs. M. Woodcock in a manner very characteristic of her, distributing flowers among the patients in the various hospitals. A large crate of these beautiful flowers, valued at \$45, was sent from California to the Young Women's Christian Association and supplied bunches for each of the tables, then to the Good Samaritan Hospital, and gave bunches to each of the patients in the wards, then to St. Vincent's, where she furnished some three dozen carnations for decorating the altar in the chapel, and gave Sisters Sophie and Marie each a bunch of violets. The Portland Sanitarium was also furnished with violets. The flowers were highly appreciated by the recipients. One of the patients at St. Vincent's, whose room was lavishly supplied with flowers, was so glad to see the others remembered that he presented Mrs. Woodcock with a beautiful chrysanthemum, and altogether it was the happiest Thanksgiving she ever had.

CANVASBACKS COMING BACK.—Canvasbacks which abandoned this region when the Wapatoes were about exterminated by the imported carp, appear to be coming back. Small bunches of them, sometimes as many as a dozen at a time, have been seen in the markets, and a brace or two have been shot occasionally in most preserves. Thursday a sportsman who went down to Astoria duck-hunting, about a thousand miles from the canvasbacks live on fish, and that this spoils their flavor, making them taste like fish ducks. The few canvasbacks shot at Wapato Lake and several other places where there are no carp and the Wapatoes still flourish, are of the old-time superior quality, but where they live on fish they are poor and ill-flavored, and a widows is a much better fowl. Some say canvasbacks will not eat fish, but there is a cat in a store on Front street which eats roasted peanuts, and prefers them to mice or meat, which shows that circumstances change tastes.

LAYING GRAVEL SIDEWALKS.—There is but little doing in the way of street improvements at present, owing to the rains. The grading of Union avenue, from Highland to Woodlawn, a distance of one mile, is, however, progressing, ten teams being kept at work every day when the weather permits. This grading is preparatory to a gravel improvement of the avenue and the sidewalks. Gravel sidewalks have been tried in Quackenbush Addition, and found to answer every purpose in such thinly populated districts. The gravel, when well rolled, takes an even surface, and the rain keeps it clean, so that such walks can be traveled with comfort, and the gravel makes a fine foundation for a permanent improvement when this is demanded.

FIRST SKEET OF THE SEASON.—The first Columbia River smelt of the season arrived in the markets yesterday morning. Mr. Sargent secured the first share of them for the Arlington Club at \$1 per pound, and the remainder were disposed of at 25 cents per pound. Last year the first lot arrived in time to be served for breakfast on Thanksgiving morning. They are caught earlier now than they used to be, on account of the high price, the first shipments being taken from the river. After a while they will be pushing along up the Cowlitz in a steady column along each bank, and will be caught with scoop nets by the boatload, and will be shipped by the ton all over the Northwest.

EXAMINING BRIDGE PLANS.—City Engineer Evers and two competent engineers, who have been called on to assist him, will be busy for a week, examining the nine sets of plans and specifications accompanying bids for the construction of the Morrison street bridge, to ascertain which bid is really the most desirable. The lowest bid does not indicate that the bridge will furnish the one most to be desired, and the engineer is now investigating all the plans will be before the contract is awarded. The names of the men who are to assist Engineer Evers in this investigation are not made public, in order that they may not be bothered by bidders who might try to influence their decision.

LIVE DUCKS.—A flock of ducks of a new breed is kept at Captain Riley's preserve at Deer Willow, and are used as decoys. They are known as "homing ducks" and are very domestic in their habits, coming into the house occupied by the hunters whenever this is allowed. When turned out, they wing their flight over all the ponds near and give calls in duck language which entices other ducks to follow them to where wheat is put out for them to eat. When the visitors begin to eat, the homing ducks get into the cabin out of danger and the hunters shoot the birds which have been decoyed into this death trap. Duck raising is much like human nature evidently.

FOUND STRANGE FISH.—While at the seashore on his way home from the Nehalem forests, Colonel Hawkins found and had photographs made of a strange fish, which was 4 feet 4 inches across the back, and had a tall like that of a cow, two feet long. From tip to tip the creature was 5 feet 8 inches in length, and had a mouth six inches wide and five gill orifices on each side. It was too heavy to carry home for the free museum, but a pretty bird and a number of fish with several sharp horns were secured and brought home in Colonel Hawkins' pockets.

TO STUDY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.—The class for the study of the Sunday school lesson, which has met at the Young Men's Christian Association for the past two years will resume its work for the winter today. Rev. E. T. Allen, assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will be the teacher. The class meets at 12:15 and 12:45, and will study the International Sunday school lesson for the following day. It is open to all both men and women, and no fee is charged.

STEEL SIGNS SOON.—Copies of the advertisement of the Council asking for bids for furnishing the city with steel signs for the streets, which were sent out yesterday by Deputy Auditor Lotan to some 15 prospective bidders, mostly in the East. They are asked to send samples of their signs with their bids, which will be opened December 2. The signs contracted for are to be delivered at the City Hall by March 1, 1904. Prospects seem favorable for the city securing steel signs before long.

WILL SLEEP IN DANCING HALL.—There is a general tendency at this time to cut the upper stories of buildings which do not produce a large rental into rooms to be let to lodgers in anticipation of the large influx of strangers here during the next few years. The third and fourth stories of the Auditorium building, which have been used as a large and lofty dance hall, are now being cut up into rooms, which will accommodate a large number of people.

ARTIFICIAL STRAWBERRIES.—Artificial strawberries are now displayed in confectioners' windows, which look so much like the real article as to deceive the very elect. The coloring is perfect, being extracted from the fruit, and the artificial hulls are also exact imitations of the genuine ones. It is only the taste and flavor of the real berry that is missing.

MEN'S RESORT ENTERTAINMENT.—Tonight, 7:45, at the Men's Resort, 66 North Sixth street, the usual Saturday night entertainment will consist of a musical and literary programme. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

MACH'S MARKET, 151 FOURTH STREET.—Wild ducks, lot all kinds will be sold cheaply today than ever was sold in this city. Special sale on turkeys, chickens and geese: 1000 chickens at 25 cents each.

GREAT SLAUGHTER OF CHINA PIGS.—Must be sold as the season closes Monday; also wild ducks for 25 cents, at Barnes' Market, 307 Third street.
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JAMES W. VIRTUE IS DEAD

NOTED STATE-BUILDER AND MINING MAN PASSES AWAY.

Came to Oregon in 1863, and Once Owned the Virtue Mine at Baker City.

Hon. J. W. Virtue died at his residence, 311 Hancock street, yesterday evening at 5 o'clock. He was born in the County of Fermanagh, Ireland, June 24, 1837; came to Ontario, Canada, when a youth, and went to Omaha, Neb., in 1855. In 1859 he went to Auburn, Baker County, which was at that time the county seat. Baker County was organized in 1862, and the Governor appointed the county official to serve until the regular election of 1864, when Mr. Virtue was elected Sheriff, a position he filled for six years with credit to himself and the satisfaction of the people. Before the expiration of his term as Sheriff, the county seat was removed to Baker City. At the expiration of his public services, he engaged in mining and banking, and for several



The Late J. W. Virtue.

years was the leading spirit in all enterprises tending to develop the mining interests of that section, as well as the agricultural and stock industries. There was no enterprise calculated to advance the interest of that section that did not receive his earnest moral and financial support, and no man contributed more to the development of Oregon mining interests than he did. Baker City owes in a great measure her present position as the Denver of Oregon to his enterprise. The famous "Virtue" mine was once his property and it was his money that opened its treasury of wealth. About eight years ago he moved to Leland, Josephine County, where he engaged in the mining business, and he died there, and about a year ago came to this city.

In 1897 he represented Josephine County in the lower house of the Legislature, and made good striking mention of that body. The state is much indebted to Mr. Virtue for the position it now holds as a mining section, for no man worked harder and invested more liberally than he and encouraged others in this enterprise. He was regarded as the best authority in the Northwest on all mining matters. Mr. Virtue was prominent in political matters and always gave his interest in party affairs, not, however, for personal gain, but for his friends, who always found in him a man of the highest type of honor and integrity. These qualities endeared him to a host of warm friends throughout the state.

Mr. Virtue was married at Baker City to Miss Bowen, sister of L. R. Bowen, editor of the Baker City Democrat in 1867, and four children were born to them, only two surviving, Robert Virtue and Mrs. Hardy, both of whom were at the deathbed of their father. He is mourned and sympathized with by the bereaved widow and children. Another one of the state-builders and pioneers has gone. He did his work well while here and the state is the gainer by his having lived here.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.
 "The Storke" at Today's Marquam Matinee and Tonight.

This afternoon at 2:15 o'clock the merry musical comedy, "The Storke," will be the attraction at the Marquam Grand Theatre. This is one of the best musical extravaganzas that has been presented here, and is well worth seeing. Special prices will prevail this afternoon. The last performance will be given tonight at 8:15 o'clock.

Many Good Seats Left.
 The engagement of "Ben Hur" at the Marquam Grand Theatre will be of widespread interest throughout Oregon. This scriptural play reaches out and brings to the theater many who never attend a playhouse before. The play is unusually inclined have had their scruples overcome by the reverential spirit of this performance. Although the sale is very large, good seats may still be procured for any performance of the engagement. Patrons are requested to be in their seats by 8 o'clock in the evening, and at 2 at the matinee, on account of the prelude, "The Star of Bethlehem," which opens the play, no one will be seated during this scene.

"Jim the Penman."
 "Jim the Penman" will begin at the Baker Sunday afternoon, and run all week. It has often been requested by members of the Baker patrons, and they will no doubt be much pleased at the announcement of its production.

"Not Guilty."
 Starting with a matinee Sunday, "Not Guilty," Joseph A. Brandt's most successful melodrama, will be the attraction for the coming week. The play will be cast with the full strength of the company.

At the Baker.
 There are but two more performances at the Baker Theatre of that greatest of high-class comedies, "Too Much Johnson," and the matinee this afternoon will amuse hundreds of the younger folk.

Vaudeville That Entertains.
 Packed houses at the Arcade Theater prove that continuous vaudeville entertainments. Five shows daily: 2:30, 3:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30.

Have you seen the Four Bragados?
 Matinee at Empire.

There will be a matinee at 2:15 today at the Empire of "The King of the Oyster Ring," and the performance tonight will be the last given of that popular play.

"Yon Yonson."
 "Yon Yonson" will be the matinee bill at Corday's Theater tonight, and will give two performances Sunday.
To Run Auto-Drays.
 A new style of automobile is to be used

in transporting freight and baggage about the streets of Portland. The City Messenger & Delivery Company has purchased 10 auto-drays at a cost of \$4000 each. These will be used to haul goods of all kinds. The messenger company wants a franchise which will enable it to use the Postal Telegraph Company, with which it is now working. The ordinance embodying the franchise soon to be brought before the Council, allows for the erection of 50 telegraph poles.

CONVENTION WON FOR 1904.
 B. G. Leedy Writes of the Coming Visit of National Grange.

President Scott, of the Lewis and Clark Fair, yesterday received the following letter from B. G. Leedy, master Oregon State Grange, who, with J. O. Wing, master Washington State Grange, won the 1904 National Grange Convention for Portland:

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Nov. 21.—Hon. H. W. Scott, President Lewis and Clark Fair, Your telegram of November 12, together with a resolution adopted by the Oregon State Grange, inviting the National Grange to hold its session of 1905 in Portland, were duly presented to that body.

As there will be representatives from at least 25 states, this will be a grand opportunity to advertise the 1905 Exposition, and I earnestly hope that the people of Portland will cooperate and contribute liberally for the entertainment of delegates and members of this great farmers' organization.

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IN THE HOLIDAYS.
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