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**AMUSEMENTS.**

MARQUAM GRAND THEATER (Morrison st., between 6th and 7th)—Lulu Glaser in the Comic Opera, "Dolly Varden."

THE EMPIRE THEATER, Twelfth and Morrison—Evening, 8:15, "The Bowery After Dark."

THE BAKER THEATER, Third and Yamhill streets—Evening 8:15, the Baker company in "The Liars."

ARCADE THEATER, Seventh and Washington—Continuous vaudeville daily, 2:30, 3:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30.

CORDRAY'S THEATER, Washington street—Evening, 8:15, "The Head Waiters."

OWNER DEFENDS HER PARROT.—Mention was made Tuesday of a dog having mauled a parrot for hurling foul epithets at him. A message over the telephone in a woman's voice denies the correctness of the story. The voice says it belongs to the owner of the parrot, and that she has had the parrot for 11 years, and never heard it swear, and she demands a correction. The man who witnessed the affair is of unimpeachable veracity and asseverates that the story was correct, as while the parrot did not swear, it hurled vile or obscene epithets after the dog as long as it was in sight. It was not stated that the parrot swore, and the voice over the telephone only says that the owner never heard the bird swear, but does not draw the line between profanity and obscenity. It is not possible to say whether the woman talking over the telephone was the real owner of the parrot or not, for a telephone can be made to lie like an epitaph. No one had a desire to misrepresent the parrot. The telephone offers to allow the bird to be brought to The Oregonian office and kept six weeks, and if it is heard to use an obscene expression in that time a forfeit of $5 will be paid. This offer is respectfully declined, for two reasons. One is for fear the bird would have to be kept in the reporters' room, and if it is as bad as reported it would contaminate them, while if it is a pure-minded and good bird it would be likely to hear things during the six weeks which might have a bad effect on its morals. The owner of the bird will be furnished with the name of the man who heard it use vile language on application—not over the telephone.

IMPROVEMENTS NEAR FAIR GROUNDS.—A long stretch of concrete sidewalks, full width, are being put down on the street bordering the south line of the Exposition Grounds. The fact that the walks are being made full width indicates that business buildings and not residences are to be erected there. Concrete walks are also to be constructed on Wilson, Upshur and Vaughn streets and some of the other cross streets in that neighborhood. The excavation for the basement and foundations of a hotel building, to be erected by Henry Weinhard at the southeast corner of Upshur and Twenty-sixth streets has just been completed. This will be the most northern of the hotel buildings in the city, for the present. There has been complaint that Twenty-fourth street has been pretty badly cut up by the traction engine and train of wagons hauling gravel to improve roads on the Fair Grounds. Owing to the bad weather something of this sort has doubtless been unavoidable, but as bonds have been given to keep streets used by this engine in good order, any damage will be amply repaired.

FAT BOY RESENTS ATTACK.—Fat people are usually supposed to be good natured, and there is a general tendency on the part of lean, lank ones to play pranks and all sorts of practical jokes on them, as is exemplified in the colored supplements of many papers where a stout boy called "Fatty" is constantly being made a butt of by his associates. A local example was seen near the Park School at lunch time yesterday, where a dozen boys had all combined to maul and pound one much fatter and larger than any of them. He stood it for a while, but finally lost his temper and waded through the whole gang, knocking them endwise and convincing them that it was not safe to impose too far on good nature and adipose tissue, when backed by a fair proportion of muscle.

TOO COOL FOR OREGONIANS.—The weather is delightful these mornings, is the general expression—so bracing and invigorating, and the frost sends the blood tingling through the veins. All the same there are not so many people abroad as in milder Oregon weather. In the afternoons throngs of buyers of Christmas goods turn out, but general business is dull. The markets are not crowded, and only a few stragglers are seen at the office of the City Water Works, and, although this is the last of the ten days of grace allowed in which to pay water rates, not half of them have yet been paid. There will probably be a jam there this afternoon and people will be standing in line for hours waiting to pay their rates.

LOST A $40 MACKINTOSH.—A patron of the Beverly complains that he hung his $40 mackintosh on the rack in the hall there yesterday morning and when he came out from breakfast it was gone, while two good overcoats were left. When asked what he meant by bringing out a mackintosh on a morning like that yesterday he said he was going to California and wished to be prepared for rainy weather. It was suggested that probably the person who took the mackintosh was also going to California, for he would have no use for such a garment here.

DIDN'T KNOW WHERE HE WAS.—A rather rough-looking fellow, evidently under the influence of a stimulant, accosted two men passing the corner of Sixth and Washington late last evening. They were a little suspicious of a hold-up, but were eased when he inquired where a well-known saloon was, and stopped to give him full directions. The fellow was so badly mixed up that he did not know what he wanted as he replied, "Oh! I know where the saloon is, but I can't tell where I am." He was left to find out.

CHURCH BELLS TO BE CONSECRATED.—The Sacred Heart Church has been in receipt of three beautiful bells. These have been secured by the unwearied efforts of Brother Theodul, who was enabled by the liberal donations of the parishoners to add this adornment to the church. The solemnity of consecration will take place next Sunday. F. Placidus, of Mount Angel, will preside at the organ, and many priests will be present at the occasion.

HAS HIS BOAT'S NAME CHANGED.—Captain Cash Weir has at last succeeded in getting the name of his steamboat changed from "Brick," which appeared to be a regular hoodoo, to "Cash," which is causing the boat to bring in money. He says it took him four months to get through the work of securing this change of name. A woman could get her name changed in five minutes.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET.—The Friday programme for the Woman's Club meeting will include an address on civil government by W. D. Fenton and a talk on the women of India by Swami Ramx.

B. H. MOOREHOUSE & Co. are prepared for you at their new quarters, northwest corner Seventh and Alder. Art goods, picture framing, etc. *

ADDED TO NOMINATION COMMITTEE.—General C. F. Beebe has been added to the nomination committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

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NOTICE.—The Acme Oil Company's phone has been changed to East 789; for fine coal oils and gasolines ring them up. *

SUBSCRIBE for periodicals. See J. K. Gill Company. *

Now is the time to eat OLYMPIC PANCAKES. *

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF INTERNATIONAL MINING CONGRESS ARRIVES TODAY

SECRETARY IRWIN MAHON.

The members of the executive committee of the International Mining Congress are expected to arrive in Portland this morning over the O. R. & N. at 9:40 o'clock, and a meeting will be held in the afternoon to decide the date of the convention to be held here next Summer and other matters of importance to the congress.

Quarters have been arranged for at the Portland Hotel for the following named gentlemen: Irwin Mahon, secretary of the congress, of Carlisle, Pa.; J. H. Richards, of Idaho, president; R. C. Patterson, of Nebraska, second vice-president, and Dr. J. A. Holmes, of North Carolina; Colonel E. P. Brown, of Denver; John Gray, of South Dakota; Hon. James H. Lynch, of Montana; John Dern, of Utah; Colonel Thomas Ewing, of San Francisco, members of the committee. In addition to these, Colonel John T. Grayson will represent Oregon at the meeting.

The congress embraces in its membership mining men from every country on the Western hemisphere.

The Oregon Miners' Association will be represented by P. S. Bates and A. L. Morris, who will act as a reception committee and will show the guests the customary courtesies. It is probable that a date about the middle of August will be decided upon for next year's convention.

WHEN ARE SALOONS CLOSED?—Saloons are becoming so numerous that some of them have found locations in places where the residents are not used to such neighbors, nor the manners and customs of their visitors and managers, and are inclined to look upon them as nuisances. This feeling is aroused principally by the fact that although these places close their doors at 1 A. M., as required by law, men remain in them to clean up, wash floors, etc., and in doing this they make so much noise piling up chairs, moving tables, etc., as to break the slumbers of near-by residents. It is also alleged in several cases that a gang collects in the saloon after it has been "closed" and keep up noisy revelry until 4 A. M., or thereabouts. The question propounded by sufferers is, "Is a saloon closed when it is open?" or, "Is it closed when the doors are shut, although noisy revelry is going on inside?" The law provides that saloons shall be closed at 1 A. M. and that no liquor shall be sold after that hour, nor any visitors be allowed to remain therein, but there is no law forbidding the sweeping or cleaning up of such places after they are closed. Those who can prove that persons are allowed to remain drinking and carousing in any saloon after 1 A. M. will have no trouble in procuring the revocation of the license of such saloon. Complainants say that they are annoyed by such revelry and carousing, but cannot get inside to see what is going on, and say further that the police will not make complaint in such cases. The police say they are not allowed to break open the doors of saloons after 1 o'clock to see whether there are people drinking in there or not, and so the nuisance complained of is continued. If people continue to submit to this sort of thing they are not entitled to much pity, as if any properly authenticated complaint were lodged with the license committee the licenses of all such saloons would be promptly revoked. Persons who have complaints of such nuisances to make should present them in the right quarter.

CHRISTMAS RUSH BEGINS.—The rush of sending Christmas presents on the long-distance line to Europe has begun at Well, Fargo & Co.'s. This will be over in a few days, and then the sending of packages to all parts of the East will begin and after this is through there will be the Northwest and California to attend to. Then comes the returning flood of packages which will be so timed as to arrive here within a day or two of Christmas and which must all be delivered promptly. This brings on a rush of business during these few days which no express company has ever been able to provide against and none ever will. Agent Shelby, of Wells, Fargo & Co., has already engaged the services of 13 outside expressmen for this rush of business, and is looking for more, so most parcels arriving here for Christmas presents will be delivered in a hurry.

DOGS AND STRAY COWS IMPOUNDED.—Poundmaster Reed is not idle these days, but is dividing his attention between unlicensed dogs and estray cattle. So for this month about 50 dogs have been "roped in," few of which have been redeemed, and the remainder have gone not exactly the way of all the world, but the way to the garbage crematory. The amount paid the city for dog licenses so far this year is $520, which is about the net value of the licensed canines, so their bark is clear gain. The stray animals impounded are chiefly dry cows. These are allowed to run at large in the unsettled portions of the city. They find their way into premises which are not fenced and browse on the rose bushes, etc., making life as unpleasant for their victims as they find it to be themselves.

HADEN ETCHINGS ON VIEW.—A loan exhibit of etchings by Sir Seymour Haden is now hung in the rooms of the Portland Art Association on the second floor of the Library building. The prints, generously lent from a private collection, represent the artist's work with extraordinary completeness, including many rare states and examples of plates from which but few impressions were ever taken and so exceedingly scarce. Some beautiful mezzotints are also shown. The rooms are open to the public daily from 2 to 4:30 P. M. On Thursdays and Saturdays admission is free. It is expected that they will also be open on the afternoon of Sunday, December 20, and an open evening is planned for before the close of the exhibit, which will remain in place until January 20.

SECRETARY SHILLOCK WILL RESIGN.—Max M. Shillock, secretary of the Board of Trade, gave notice to the directors yesterday that he could not remain in his position at the reduced salary which they determined to pay. His intention is to sever his connection with the board and permit it to secure the services of some one else.

HIS WATCH FELL IN A BOOT.—The gold watch lost by Charles Craft between the depot and his residence on his return from his wedding tour a short time ago and which he advertised for the next morning, was speedily returned to him. It was lost and found in a rather curious way. On arriving at the depot he took a car for the East Side. He had his valises to take care of, and left one of them on the crowded rear platform of the car. He had to crowd through the passengers on the rear platform to get this valise when he desired to get off the car, and on reaching his apartments missed his watch, but had no idea where he had lost it. Next morning the conductor on a City & Suburban car reported at the office that a man on the car the evening before had found a gold watch in his boot, and gave his address in case any one should inquire for it. The official who received this report next saw Mr. Craft's advertisement and communicated with him, and was directed to the man who had found a watch which proved to be his. The finder, who is a teamster, was on the rear platform of the car when Mr. Craft was struggling for his satchel and was wearing his heavy long-legged boots outside of his trousers. It is probable that in stooping for the satchel Mr. Craft's watch, which is a thin one, and worn with a hanging fob ribbon, slipped out of his pocket into one of these big bootlegs. But for his advertising for it and the man with the boots being an honest man, he would have never seen his watch again.

W. C. T. U. FORCES ENCOURAGED.—W. C. T. U. Central Union met yesterday afternoon at the Y. W. C. A. rooms, Sixth and Oak streets. Mrs. Helen Harford, state president, was present and addressed the ladies. She had been over the state in the interest of the work and found encouragement all along the line. At Eugene arrangements were being made for vigorous work and good results had been attained during the past year. This is true of all the unions, both north and south. There is gain in temperance sentiment also throughout the whole country. She referred to Kentucky, three-fourths of which is under prohibition. Plans were discussed for the opening of a Loyal Temperance Legion for the children. Mrs. Harrison reported on the medal contest work. There will be a contest for the children next Tuesday evening at the First Baptist Church. Several features of unusual interest will be introduced, making it the most interesting contest yet held.

SHORTAGE OF REFRIGERATOR CARS.—And now the farmers are complaining about the scarcity of refrigerator cars. There is a demand for potatoes in San Francisco, and shippers here would pay 60 to 65 cents per 100 pounds for them if they could get refrigerator cars to ship them in, as they cannot be sent over the mountains into California now in box cars, as they would be frozen. By the time they can be shipped in box cars next April or May the demand for potatoes will have fallen off, and farmers will be likely to have half their potatoes left on their hands. There is also some trouble about refrigerator cars to send apples East in, and there appears to be little prospect of immediate relief in the situation.

CHANCE FOR A FREE RIDE.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC—

THE PURSER of the Bailey Gatzert is instructed to return all fares to passengers before leaving the Gatzert at The Dalles or at Portland, provided the Bailey Gatzert does not arrive at said ports before the opposition boat. Leaves Alder-street dock at 7 A. M., Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; returning alternate days (except Sunday). Fare to any point 25 cents. Finest of meals, 25 cents. *

WOMAN'S EXCHANGE OPENED.—An effort is being made to establish and maintain a Woman's Exchange, and the co-operation of the women of Portland is earnestly desired. By patronizing the exchange they can procure articles of dainty handiwork and at the same time assist where revenue is needed. The exchange room, 510 Flanders street, is open any afternoon.

LOST—A gold wrist bag, owner's name inside. Return to Merchants' National Bank; reward. *

DON'T FORGET ladies' auxiliary of A. O. H. dance tonight, Union block. *

### Lull in Water-Scandal Inquiry.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 9.—The reading of Lant K. Salsbury's testimony against Alderman Johnson, at his examination on the charge of bribery in connection with the sensational Michigan water deal, was taken up today in Police Court. Salsbury was present in court and made a few corrections as the testimony was read.

At the conclusion of the reading of Salsbury's testimony the Johnson case was adjourned until Monday. This disposes of all examination in Police Court until Friday, when the McCool case comes up. The next term of the Superior Court, to which the respondents are bound over for trial, begins next Monday.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS.

### Lulu Glaser in Comic Opera, "Dolly Varden," Tonight.

Tonight at the Marquam Grand Theater the queen of singing comediennes, Lulu Glaser, supported by an excellent company, will begin an engagement of two nights, with a matinee Saturday, in her latest comic opera success, "Dolly Varden." The opera for Miss Glaser is by Stanislaus Stange and Julian Edwards, two most successful writers and composers. It was they who gave to the American stage "Brian Boru," "Madeline," "The Wedding Day," "The Jolly Musketeer," "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," and many others.

Miss Glaser herself wears a number of beautiful gowns, which cost a mint of money in themselves, and the balance of the company are not far behind in the wearing of beautiful clothes, including the chorus girls, who are described as veritable dreams of beauty. Seats are now selling for the three performances.

### Pretty Girls and Funny Comedians.

"Looking for a Wife," a musical farce comedy, interpreted by a superior company of farceurs and a bunch of pretty girls, will be the attraction at the Empire for three nights starting Sunday next. The skit abounds with witty dialogue and catchy music and the fun is fast and furious.

### "The Bells."

George Alison will have an opportunity next week in the part made so famous by Henry Irving in "The Bells." It opens at the Baker Sunday afternoon, and the announcement will no doubt be read with much pleasure, as the play has always been a remarkable success everywhere.

### At the Baker.

"The Liars" is attracting large and critical audiences at the Baker this week. It is a splendid comedy of the higher class, filled with peculiar situations, and much brilliant wit, and is especially pleasing to the regular Baker patrons.

### "The Minister's Son."

Mr. W. B. Patton, the nearest successor to Sol Smith Russell the American stage has, opens at Cordray's Theater next Sunday night in the pretty pastoral play, "The Minister's Son," a companion piece to "Way Down East."

### "The Head Walters."

"The Head Walters" is pleasing everybody that attends Cordray's Theater this week who likes fun. "The Head Walters" is not the kind of a show that emotional people should attend—it is too funny. Matinee Saturday.

### "The Two Sisters."

"The Two Sisters," one of Denman Thompson's beautiful plays, will be the attraction at the Marquam Grand Theater next Wednesday night, December 16.

### Four More Performances.

Just four more performances of "The Bowery After Dark," with a very realistic four-round boxing contest between Tracey and Denny, remain.

### Five Shows at Arcade.

Five large audiences applauded the Arcade's new bill yesterday. Five good shows today—2:30, 3:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30.

## COMIC OPERA AT EMPIRE.

### Deal Is Pending Between Manager Baker and Olympic Company.

Comic opera may be heard in the near future at the Empire Theater. Negotiations are now pending between Manager George L. Baker and the Olympic Opera Company, a theatrical organization that has met with success in California towns, to appear in a season of comic opera attractions at the Empire. The deal is not yet completed, and the result will not be known for several days. Quite a demand has sprung up for opera at the Empire since the vaudeville season closed, and Mr. Baker has frequently been approached on the subject by his patrons to make the Empire another Tivoli, but without the smoking and drinking features that would make the San Francisco Tivoli so objectionable to Portland audiences. It will be straight comic opera or nothing at the Empire. Lottie Kendall, a beautiful and accomplished prima donna soubrette, is at the head of the Olympic Opera Company, and other principals in the organization are: Eunice Clark Drake, soprano; Therese Barker, contralto; Carl Hayden, tenor; Carrick Major, baritone; Leo Ade, bass, and Robert Pitkin and John Young, comedians.

The present season of melodrama played by the company which presented "The Christian," will finish at the Empire Saturday night, and a farce "Looking for a Wife," will be played by the first road company Sunday night. When "The Christian" company stopped its tour at Eugene and did not go, as contemplated, into Montana, on account of the mining trouble and strikes, there remained but three weeks of the engagement as called for in the contract. Manager Baker could have paid off the company there and then, and doubtless many theatrical managers would have done this in the ordinary course of business, but Mr. Baker determined to live up to the very letter of the cohtract with the company, and he accordingly arranged for three weeks' melodrama at the Empire, with Ethelyne Palmer as leading woman and John M. Sullivan as leading man. Most of the former "Christian" company wil return East, either to Chicago or New York.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

M. Somerville, of Napavine, Wash., is in the city.

Dr. C. J. Whittaker, of Pendleton, is at the Perkins.

Ira Erb, a building contractor of Salem, was here yesterday.

D. L. Keyt, a merchant of Perrydale, is a guest at the Perkins.

Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Bailey, of Hillsboro, are visiting in the city.

A. M. Kelsey, a capitalist of The Dalles, is registered at the Perkins.

G. W. Biggs, a well-known woolgrower of Arlington, is here on business.

James Willis Sayre, of the Seattle Times, was at the Portland yesterday.

R. A. Marshall left last night for San Francisco to be gone two weeks on business.

H. J. Miller, a well-known hop merchant of Aurora, was at the Imperial yesterday.

H. B. Parker, a well-known hotel man of Astoria, left yesterday on the Geo. W. Elder for California.

Chief Campbell, of the fire department, who has been on a visit to Seattle, is expected home this evening.

Dr. D. Y. K. Deering, a former Sheriff of Union county, was among the Imperial's guests yesterday.

Harry E. Foster, of Grant's Pass, is in the city. Mr. Foster is prominently identified with mining in Southern Oregon.

Dan S. Kane and C. L. Sweeney, successful mining operators of Valdes, Alaska, are stopping at the Perkins.

E. Murphy, representative of the Weyerhauser Lumber Syndicate at the new town of Yacolt, Wash., is in the city.

N. S. Hamlin is at St. Vincent's Hospital, having undergone an operation. He expects to be there three or four weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Young, of Skaniko, are stopping at the Imperial. Mr. Young is known as the sheep king of Wasco County.

H. E. Noble started for Los Angeles last evening to be gone ten days. He will bring his daughter, who is attending school there, home for the holidays.

Mrs. A. Enstrom, a daughter of P. F. Morey, arrived here a day or two since accompanied by her baby and its nurse, to spend the holidays with her relatives. She came direct from London, where her husband, an electric engineer in the service of the General Electric Company, of Syracuse, N. Y., is employed at present on business for the company.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Northwestern people registered at New York today as follows:

From Portland—W. J. Zimmerman, at the Astor; W. C. Dawson, at the Grand Union.

From Baker City, Or.—G. W. Davis, G. W. Davies and wife, at the Gilsey.

From Seattle—C. R. Collins, at the Herald Square; W. E. Maurer, at the Manhattan.

From Tacoma—C. J. Pershaw, at the Grand Union.

From Spokane—L. Ellison and wife at the St. Denis.


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### CAN DINE AT HOME

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By the O. R. & N. time-card, persons desiring to take the Spokane Flyer for Spokane, Couer d'Alene and other Eastern Washington points, can now dine at home (train leaves at 7:45 p. m.) before leaving. The "Portland-Chicago Special" now leaves at 8:50 A. M.

### CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. Ida Erdmann desires to thank her friends for the lovely flowers and sympathy extended at the death of her mother, Mrs. Bertha Mueller.

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