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AMUSEMENTS.

CORDRAY'S THEATER, Washington st.—Matinee, 2:15; evening, 8:15, "The Minister's Son."

THE BAKER THEATER, Third and Yamhill streets—Matinee, 2:15; evening, 8:15, the Baker company in "The Bells."

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

LATE IN MAILING PRESENTS.—Among the many men and women mailing Christmas present packages at the postoffice yesterday, was a prominent citizen who had a pile before him directed to persons in various parts of the United States and Europe, and possibly Asia and Africa. He was working hard licking stamps and sticking them on the pieces and the perspiration was standing in great beads on his forehead. "Little late in getting them off, aren't you?" queried a friend. "Yes," was the reply, "but I guess they will get there in time." "Probably," said the friend, "unless the world should come to an end unexpectedly; anyway, better late than never." "I missed one mail," said the man, "on account of forgetting that the postoffice had been moved and taking my bundles up to the old postoffice building." "That was unfortunate," said the friend, "but it is a wonder you did not forget all about mailing them." Postoffice officials are at present buried and smothered under packages of Christmas presents, which people will insist on not mailing until the last moment. They figure that it takes four and a half days for mail from Portland to reach New York and three days to get to Chicago, and they delay mailing their packages for these places so that they will not reach there until Christmas day, expecting that the carriers will deliver them promptly on the day they arrive. This is not likely to be done, as every postoffice in the United States will be overburdened with such parcels on Christmas Day, and it is quite certain that they cannot all be delivered until two or three days later. Such packages should be mailed in time to arrive at their destinations at least two days before Christmas in order to insure their delivery on that day.

TWO LEASES TO SAME GROUND.—A rather lively discussion going on in a bootblack stand yesterday, the disputants being an Italian and an American, attracted the attention of customers for a time. Neither of the disputants appeared to be able to understand what the other said, but a boy shoeblack gave each brief translation from time to time, and as Dago was copious in gesticulations, he appeared to keep ahead in the argument. It appeared that the Italian had leased six acres of land near Sellwood last Summer and grown a crop of potatoes thereon. He dug part of the crop, but failed to complete his harvest, and now the field has been leased by the American disputant, who has plowed the ground in which the potatoes were dug and wants to plow the rest. The Italian, who neglected to dig in dry weather, cannot dig now that the ground is wet, and hence the trouble. The American has a lease to the property and threatens to go ahead and plow up the ground with potatoes in it, and the Italian has a lease which he alleges holds good until he has finished digging his potatoes, and as this is not likely to happen for some time there is an opportunity for all sorts of trouble to happen.

CONSUL CANDIANA MAY LOSE.—The question as to whether the Italian government will reimburse Consul Candiani for his expenditures in taking the crew off the Cavour and caring for them or not is not yet definitely settled. He expended some $300, and it is doubtful if he is to be repaid, as Thursday evening he received a dispatch from the Italian Consul-General directing him to turn the shipwrecked men over to the Consuls of their own nations, as they are not Italians, and the Captain of the Cavour is a Greek. There was nothing in the dispatch in regard to paying the expense incurred in taking care of the men, so Consul Candiani is still in doubt in regard to this matter. It is held by some authorities that if the Cavour was an Italian ship Consul Candiani's action in the matter was correct and he will be reimbursed, but there seems to be some doubt on this point, although as the ship was named for a noted Italian Count and statesman, the presumption is that she was an Italian vessel.

NEW STYLE OF MAKING ABSTRACTS.—A new style of making abstracts of records of real estate transactions has lately been adopted by the Title, Guarantee & Trust Company, Security Abstract & Trust Company and the Pacific Coast Abstract Company. Each of these companies used to have an abstract of county records made daily, but now they have combined and have only one abstract made, manifold copies of which are prepared for each. In place of the brief abstracts of deeds, mortgages, etc., which they used to have made, now full copies of such documents are made and kept on file. The principal advantage of this new style is probably a reduction of expenses, but there may be others of which outsiders are not aware. There are a number of other smaller concerns and parties in the abstract business here who combine to make abstracts in the old way.

LANTERN SLIDE EXHIBIT.—A lantern slide exhibit was given by the Oregon Camera Club in their rooms in the Macleay building last night, which was largely attended by members and friends. The clubs at Orange, New Jersey and Pittsburg Science of Art Academy furnished the slides, which proved artistic and evoked much favorable comment from the spectators. A good number of them were of great merit and artistic conception, but the general opinion of the spectators was that notwithstanding their many good points they did not quite come up to the work done by these clubs last year.

PRAHL, HEGELE & Co. announce that their retail department, 100-106 Fifth st., will be open evenings until Christmas. The public is invited to call and inspect their line of china, cut glass and art goods. *

LOOK, BECK'S SHIRTWAIST BARGAINS.—

$1.50	$2.00	$2.50	$3.00	$3.50	$4.00	$5.00
at	at	at	at	at	at	at
$.98	$1.35	$1.67	$1.98	$2.25	$2.67	$3.35

A chance on two large dolls, elegantly dressed, with every dollar purchase. *

BEGINNING Friday our offices will be open until 8 P. M. and on Sunday from noon to 4 P. M., for convenience of holiday shippers. Northern Pacific Express Company, Pacific Express Company, Wells-Fargo & Co. Express. *

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CHEMAWA VS. MULTNOMAH.
SATURDAY, 2:30 P. M., RAIN OR SHINE. *

DON'T fail to see our stock of Christmas umbrellas; great variety, low prices; repairing. Meredith's, Washington and Sixth, and Morrison and Fifth. We undersell the dry goods stores. *

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REGULATOR LINE steamers for The Dalles and way points daily (except Sunday) 7 A. M. Alder-street dock. 'Phone Main 914. *

CHICKENS at the Portland Packing Company's markets, 13½ cents per pound.*

For fine Christmas goods go to Multnomah Trunk Company, 132 Sixth. *

HOLLY, well-berried, very fine, also violets, Burkhardt's, 23d and Glisan. *

FADS OF DIFFERENT KINDS.—A rather dilapidated wood splitter who appears quite frequently in the police court charged with being intoxicated was seated in front of the City Hall yesterday tearing a cigar box to pieces and extracting the wire nails which held it together. He said he wanted some of the nice little tacks, but did not say what for. A city official, who had been noticing the man from a window, said he just had a fad for collecting nails. He mentioned a contractor who built a house for him, and who had a dozen men at work for him, and his time was valuable, would stop work to extract a bent nail from a piece of waste lumber and straighten it out and put it in his box, wasting more time and labor than a dozen nails were worth. Many people have such fads, said a bystander. One of the wealthiest pioneer residents of this city after looking over his extensive correspondence daily for many years took time to go over the envelopes and run a paper cutter around the three sound edges and take off the addressed side and lay them in a pile to be used for scratch pads and making memoranda on. He died with several millions and his plan is now followed by a wealthy business firm who save both sides of their envelopes and bid fair to accumulate twice as many millions as he did. Economy may be a fad, but it is one of a commendable nature.

LOSES FAITH IN HIS TEACHER.—A bright little six-year-old, who has only lately commenced attending a public school, came home the other evening in a state of great excitement. When asked what was wrong, he said, he had had a dispute with his teacher and went on to express his opinion that she was incompetent to fill her position properly. It must be explained that he had been taught the rudiments of the primaries at home and could write such sentences as "I am, he is, etc." The teacher when he was at the blackboard told him to write "I see you," and he wrote it: "I see U." When he was told that the last word should have been written "you," he rebelled, and argued logically that if "I" spelled "I"; "U" must spell "you". The teacher had the "edge" on him owing to her situation and refused to be convinced, and he said he wanted a more sensible teacher or he would give up studying English. That boy has the making of a scholar, orator, politician or some other notable in him and should be encouraged. Teachers have things their own way too much anyhow.

HIS LAWN DISFIGURED.—The occupant of an office in the Mohawk building, corner of Third and Morrison streets, which looks out on the roof of the one-story building opposite, owned by the estate of L. Fleischner, is preparing to commence a damage suit against some one for defacing the beauty of what he considers his "lawn." The roof mentioned is covered with a coating of green moss which has sprung up since the rainy season set in, and is as verdant as any mead. The late occupant of one of the stores in the building, when removing a large "closing out sale" advertisement of muslin stretched in a frame on the roof, disfigured this verdant meadow. The office holder mentioned considers that his view from his window has been spoiled, and what makes the matter more serious is that he considers that he had an interest in this lawn for a term of years, as Mr. Fleischner specified in his will that there should be no additional stories erected on the building for several years.

MULTNOMAH PRINCIPALS MEET.—The regular monthly meeting of the Multnomah County Principals' Association was held last evening in the office of County Superintendent Robinson. By invitation, Principal J. Burnham, of the Couch school, was present, and gave a most interesting round table talk on "Types of Children." He illustrated his talk with photographs of groups of children and incidents drawn from his long experience in the city schools. The discussion was a most helpful one and was replete in suggestion for professional advancement. The programme committee reported for the January meeting. The County Principals' Association is growing in membership and interest and the topics discussed each month are conducive to professional development.

G. A. R. POST RESUMES MEETINGS.—Lincoln-Garfield Post, G. A. R., has resumed its weekly meetings, Tuesday nights, in the third story of the City Hall. The post is in a flourishing condition. A larger number has been added to its membership during the past year than for several years. A joint installation of its newly elected officers with those of George Wright Post, together with the W. R. C., of both posts, will take place Saturday night, January 2, in Eagles' Hall, corner Second and Yamhill streets. John H. Williams, the retiring Commander of Lincoln-Garfield Post, will be succeeded by Colonel James Jackson, whom the post delights to honor. Under his administration continued prosperity is assured.

LOST IN THE NEW POSTOFFICE.—A man who visited the temporary postoffice building yesterday in a hurry, and who, not being familiar with the place, was unable to find the department he was looking for. Finally he butted up against a window over which was a placard bearing the inscription: "Not the General Delivery." He stared at this a moment and then tapped on the glass, and when a clerk came to the front he said: "This is not the General Delivery." "I know of a great many things which it is not," said the caller, "but what in thunder is it? Why don't you put up a card stating what it is and not what it is not." The astounded clerk was nonplused and paused to consider a reply, but the visitor rushed for the elevator.

TO DISCUSS FRATERNAL BUILDING.—The joint committee appointed by the various camps of the Woodmen of the World to consider he advisability of erecting a fraternal building at the Lewis and Clark Fair will hold a meeting on Sunday afternoon at the Woodmen Hall, at Tenth and Washington streets. Three members from each of the 11 camps in the city have been appointed to consider the matter, and the decision reached at the meeting Sunday afternoon will probably decide whether the building will be built.

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MEN'S RESORT ENTERTAINMENT—Tonight at 7:45, a musical and literary entertainment will be held at the men's resort, 66 North Sixth street. Admission is free and all are welcome.

LADIES ATTENTION.—Our assortment of aprons, neckwear, sacques, robes and handkerchiefs can't be excelled, values can't be beat. Beck's, 272 Washington. *

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Services tomorrow at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. The pastor, Rev. Edgar P. Hill, D. D., will preach morning and evening. *

DR. R. C. COFFEY has abandoned his down-town office and will be found at North Pacific Sanatorium, Twentieth and Glisan streets, at all hours. *

JUST RECEIVED.—Large shipment of elegant rugs direct from the Orient, moderate prices. 411 Wash., between 10th and 11th.*

TASMANIAN shell chains $1.50, curios 25 cents and up. Mrs. Frohman, Parlor C, Portland Hotel. *

ABENDROTH BROS, Jewelers, 334 Washington st., for Xmas goods. Open ev'ngs.*

LOT OF JEWELRY FOUND.—At Beck's, 211 Morrison, at lower prices than elsewhere.*

DOLL SALE TODAY.—Unitarian Chapel, 1 to 5. Baby articles, home-made candies.*

HOLLY, well-berried, very fine, violets, carnations. Burkhardt's, 23d and Glisan.*

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

Special Today

We have just received a large importation of German Snapping Bon Bons or Favors. No Christmas Festivity is complete without them. To induce early buying we will give one box

FREE WITH EVERY PURCHASE

over 25c to-day only. Our stock of

Xmas Sweets

is the largest and finest ever shown in Portland and not excelled in the larger Eastern Cities. We're proud of it and want all to

See the Display

The Special Holiday Mixtures and Packages are ready and we call particular attention to our

Holly Gift Box

Our line of Fancy Baskets, Boxes and Novelties is finer than ever before, and when filled with our Famous Candies make most appropriate and acceptable Gifts. If you don't buy, see the display—it will be a revelation and you'll feel repaid.

Get the right place. We have no connection with any other Store bearing our name.

SWETLAND & SON
273 Morrison St.

TEACHERS' PROGRESS CLUB.—The Teachers' Progress Club of this county will hold its regular monthly meeting in the City Hall at 9:30 this morning. "Oral Instruction" will be the subject of discussion. Superintendent R. F. Robinson will instruct the club on the practical phases of the subject. Miss Hassler, of the Portland Public Library, will be present and explain to teachers the system adopted for the record of books taken in the library extension work now being introduced in the county.

SUNDAY MERCURY.
CHRISTMAS TREE TONIGHT.
GET YOUR PRESENT.

WOOSTER, largest fruit display, 7th-Mor.
USE OLYMPIC PANCAKE FLOUR every day.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Matinees at the Arcade.

Women and children will find an entertaining programme at the Arcade Theater. The Alldeans appear as clowns and do astonishing acrobatic feats. Frank Bowman, the magician; Jessie Orr, rainbow dancer; Kehoe and Rainier, character comedians; Leslie Pomeroy, illustrated songs, and the bioscope will delight any audience. Five shows: 2:30, 3:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30.

"A Midnight Bell."

Next week is of special interest at the Baker Theater, as Miss Oza Waldrop opens with the Baker Company tomorrow afternoon in a splendid production of Hoyt's great character drama, "A Midnight Bell," which continues all week with a special matinee Christmas Day at the regular matinee prices.

Sale for "The Bonnie Brier Bush."

The advance sale of seats will open this morning at 10 o'clock for "The Bonnie Brier Bush," which comes to the Marquam Grand Theater for five nights, beginning Tuesday, December 22, with matinees Christmas and Saturday.

"The Minister's Son."

"The Minister's Son," a very pleasing comedy drama, will be the matinee bill at Cordray's Theater today, and for the last time tonight. Women and children will enjoy the performance.

"Hello, Bill."

A farce comedy with some very clever people in the cast, will open at Cordray's Theater at Sunday's matinee. This will give the patrons of Cordray's a comedy attraction for Christmas.

"The Bells."

There will be but two more performances of "The Bells" at The Baker this afternoon and tonight. It is a pleasure that should not be missed by lovers of the drama.

WHERE TO DINE.

All the delicacies of the season at the Portland Restaurant; fine private apartments for parties, 305 Wash., near 5th.

Imperial Hotel Restaurant, 2d floor, six-course dinner, 50c; first-class service, a la carte, 6:30 A. M. to 8 P. M.

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Of beautiful pictures and novelties in frames. New shapes, latest finishes of Flemish and weathered oak, green and burnished golds, at Sanborn, Vail & Co.,'s, 170 First street. Store open evenings.

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No Need to Puzzle Your Head

Trying to decide what to buy for him for Xmas. A visit to our Furnishing Goods department suggests many helpful hints, and the range of prices will likely include the price you wish to pay.

The Assortments Are Greater and More Varied Than Any Previous Year

Neckwear

Every conceivable shape and exclusive silk, 50 cents to $5.00

Gloves

Foremost English and American makes—Fownes, Adlers, Dent and Perrins.

Fancy Suspenders

Silk Suspenders put up one pair in a pretty box, 50 cents to $5.00.

Other Sensible Furnishings

Fancy Mufflers, Full Dress Protectors, Shirts, Pajamas, Night Robes, Underwear, Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas, Canes, Hats, Caps, Fancy Vests, Dress Suit Cases, Toilet Sets, etc.

Smoking Jackets

Made of best two-toned fabrics, $4.50 to $15.00.
Lounging Robes and Bath Robes in an endless variety.

Men's Clothes

Business Suits, Dress Suits, Tuxedo Suits, Prince Albert Coats and Vests, Frock Suits and Trousers, always make a hit with him and especially when they come from STEINBACH'S.

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Where Vaudeville Reigns and the Grill and Buffet Excel.

Within the last few days the Winter Garden at Third and Morrison streets has been reopened. Mr. J. H. Kennedy, of Nome, Alaska has secured a 12-year lease of the premises and engaged Mr. Fiskey Barnett, of San Francisco, as manager. Already the interior has been renovated, the stage enlarged and placed in a more suitable position.

The policy of the new proprietor has been molded on lines looking to a long-continued patronage. Only the best artists will be engaged. High-class attractions will be the invariable rule. Mr. Barnett's long and successful experience will insure the success of their efforts in this line. No expense will be spared in keeping the grill and buffet up to a high level of excellence, both in quality of viands and liquors and in the service.

The amusement-seeking public can rest assured that their patronage will be appreciated in a proper spirit, and that at all times there will be one resort where the best people can secure the best.

LITTLE GIRL FILES COMPLAINT

In a Letter to Santa Claus She Objects to Toys.

The following is a copy of a letter received from a little tot of seven:

"My Dear Old Santa: You have always been so good to me and brought me such pretty things for Xmas, and I will expect you again this Xmas, but please do not bring me any more dolls and toys. I always get tired of them, and then they get broke, too. What I want now is pretty pictures for my room, when I get older I'll have to throw my playthings away, but I can always keep pictures. Yours lovingly,
"ELLA B——."

This little girl had received her inspiration for the request after watching the window of The Little Art Shop for some time, where she saw Santa climbing down the chimney with a whole sack of pictures.

The Little Art Shop has pictures to suit all ages of both sexes. 175 Fourth, near Yamhill.

GIGANTIC SALE.

Men's and Boys' Fine Clothes.

Hundreds of people are availing themselves of this great opportunity to purchase a hand-tailored suit or overcoat at a saving of from $4 to $10 on each garment.

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Boys' clothes, of the wear-resisting kind, made from best Oregon wool, at one-third and one-half regular prices, during the overstock sale at the Salem Woolen Mill Store, 85-87 Third street.

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Extra fine quality Angelica and Muscat, 85c. Neuberger's Full Measure House, 108 Sixth.

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For Suit Cases and Bags
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Beautiful Dressed Dolls

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Quantities of Christmas goods—Toys, Games, Books, Tree Ornaments, Jewelry, Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Crockery, Glassware, Notions, etc. Highest price 15c.

Good, Fancy Mixed Candy 10c pound

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5.00. BOOKLOVERS Membership (one year), also Booklovers Magazine (one year).
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6.25. BOOKLOVERS Membership and three Magazines: two above and Cosmopolitan.
Magazines may be sent to different addresses. Call or send for circulars.

Portland Library: Sixth and Oak Streets

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Best House Coals

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