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AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAM GRAND THEATER, Morrison St., between 6th and 7th—J. H. Stoddart and Reuben Fax in "The Bonnie Brier Bush."

CORDRAY'S THEATER, Washington st.—Evening 8:15, "Hello Bill."

THE BAKER THEATER, Third and Yamhill sts.—Evening, 8:15; the Baker company in "A Midnight Bell."

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

MAYBE HE'LL OBSERVE CHRISTMAS NOW.—A paragraph appeared in these columns a short time ago in regard to a citizen who said he no longer needed to buy Christmas presents, as his family were all grown up and married, or gone away from home, and his wife had jewelry, diamonds, etc. galore, so that now he had only to look around for something good to eat. When the lucky man made this statement to a reporter he had no idea it would ever be published and he was not exactly pleased when he saw it in print, and the next time he met the reporter he expressed his feelings in the matter. He was told that as the statement was an unpersonal one, it could never be connected with him, and so he need not worry. "Never be connected with me!" he shouted. "My wife read it at the breakfast table and at once accused me of being the person mentioned. The same day one of my sons called me up over the long distance telephone to jolly me about it, and I expect to hear from all the others." He was met yesterday and said that a daughter who lived at Spokane had seen the paragraph and had written to say it must refer to him, and a son in San Francisco had written to ask if he had made such a statement, and a day or two later a daughter who lives in Los Angeles had written to say that he need not mind if she was married and gone from home, for a Christmas present would always be thankfully received. "I am now waiting," he said, "to hear from another daughter, who lives in Chicago, and who takes The Oregonian, and then I shall be at the end of the list." "Well," said the reporter, "the paragraph must have been about correct, if they recognized you as the man." "Oh, it was all right, all right," said he, "but I did not intend it for publication." The next time he kicks about it his name will be published for everything stated in it, and on this can be verified.

FIRST HOLIDAY IN MANY YEARS.—William Braden the old-time deputy of the City Engineer's Department, who has had more to do with the sewer systems of the city than any other man, is suffering from an attack of grip. He can walk down to the office, but is unable to work, and so took a vacation yesterday, which he said was the first vacation he had taken for 47 years. Some of the other old-time employes of the city say that it must really be 47 years since Mr. Braden had had a vacation, as he has made the same statement every time he has laid off for the past 20 years. It is necessary that such old tough ones, who do not know what it is to be sick, and who feel just as certain of living forever as they used to "when hearts were gay and life was young," should get a twist once in every quarter of a century or so, to let them know that time is on the wing and that they are getting older every day.

BRONZE FIGURES FOR THOMPSON FOUNTAIN.—Notice of the successful casting of the bronze figures for the monument to D. P. Thompson, which is to be erected in the city park is being anxiously awaited by J. N. Teal. He is expecting to receive it at any moment, as it is more than a week since he was notified that the mould was ready, and the material for the bronze had been placed in the hands of the man who was to superintend the melting and casting. The figures consist of an Indian chief and an Indian boy gazing earnestly at the approach of a train of pioneers. William Ladd, who saw the clay model at the artist's studio when he was last in New York, says that the lines and general appearance were very striking and beautiful.

HORSE NEEDS NO BOSS.—Many passers on Salmon street, just above Fourth, stop to admire the intelligence of a horse which is employed to operate an elevator to carry barrow loads of brick and mortar to the second story of a building being erected there. The rope which is attached to the elevator makes a turn or two around pullies and comes out into the street, where the horse is stationed. When a bell is jingled he starts up and pulls a load up to the second floor, and at another signal turns and walks back, lowering the barrows down for another load. This he keeps up hour after hour without any one interfering with him.

PLANS FOR ART BUILDING.—The lot at the northeast corner of Fifth and Salmon streets, bequeathed by the late H. W. Corbett to the Art Association of Portland for a site for an art building, has been turned over to the association, who have assumed full control of it. The tenants have been notified to remove, and Whidden & Lewis, architects, are now at work on plans for the art building to be erected there. It will probably be built next Summer.

CHRISTMAS AT THE HOLY NAME ACADEMY.—The Christmas entertainment given by the Sisters in charge of the Academy of the Holy Name, at East Twelfth and Oak streets last night, was a most pleasing affair and was well attended. The programme was excellent and repeated encores were called for. The proceeds of the entertainment will be applied to the needs of the academy.

CHRISTMAS AT GRACE CHURCH.—The Christmas festivities of the Grace Methodist Episcopal Sunday School will be held at the church, corner of Twelfth and Taylor streets, on Thursday night, instead of Wednesday night, as first announced.

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THE WOMAN'S EXCHANGE, under auspices of Woman's Union, will hold a sale of useful and fancy articles at 402 Washington street, next door to Jorgenson's millinery, today. *

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. *

AT BARNES' MARKET, 107 Third street, the largest display of choice corn-fed Oregon turkeys. No cold storage turkeys at Barnes', 107 Third street. *

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XMAS GIFTS.—Anything in the jewelry line. See Beck, 207 Morrison. Right prices.

HOLLY floral pieces, violets and carnations, at Burkhardt's, 23d and Glisan. *

FOR fine Christmas goods go to Multnomah Trunk Company, 122 Sixth. *

THE four-story brick building on Front and Couch streets is for rent. *

FINE printing, Rogers, moved to 90 1st.*

XMAS SALE—Parlor C, Hotel Portland. *

WIVES AND THEIR FADS—Several men taking lunch at a popular club yesterday were expressing sympathy for the man mentioned in the morning's Oregonian whose wife had a fad for costly cases. "I know how he felt when he put up $75 for that Rookwood vase," said one. "My wife had a fad for eider-down quilts and I remember how I felt when I had to blow in $50 for a pair. I saw about a million seagulls on a tract of plowed land out on Hawthorne avenue this morning and I had an idea of trying to shoot them all and start an eider-down quilt factory." "My wife," said another, "is not a faddist, nor extravagant, but she hinted once that she would like a satchel to hang at her belt to put her purse in, so that it would not be snatched from her hand. I thought I would get her a nice one for $8.00 or $10.00, but ended by purchasing one with a silver clasp and beads all over it, for which I paid $40, and the only satisfaction I had was that she fainted when she found out how much it cost." "My wife," said a third, "has a fad for cut-glass. Last Christmas she wanted a berry bowl and took pains to let me know it. I went shopping and the first handsome bowl I saw was marked $25. I told the dealer I thought one at 25 cents would suit me better; but the bowl was not large enough, and in the end I paid $40 for one and I forget how much for a spoon to match." "I am ashamed to tell my experience," said the other who made up the quartette, "but here's to our wives, they share our joys, double our sorrows, and treble our expenses." The toast was drunk in silence.

TRADE IN CHRISTMAS GREENERY.—The trade in holly, mistletoe and other greenery, and flowers for Christmas decoration has been very large this year. The demand for Christmas trees is at its height at present, and many loads of handsome fir trees were coming in from the country yesterday. Several were seen in charge of small boys and on the top of one load a little girl was seated, while her two brothers occupied the driver's seat. The load was probably their venture to make some spending money for Christmas and the youngsters were anxious to get a look at the show windows and crowds in the streets. Roses, carnations and many hot house flowers, as well as crocus and other bulbs in bloom in pots are displayed by florists, but the most showy of all is the poinsettia, a rather curious Mexican shrub, having rather insignificant yellow flowers in clusters at the ends of the branches, below which are clusters of very large and conspicuous vermillion-colored bracts, which make a fine display, and are taken by many to be flowers, though they are only modified leaves.

MANY MEN APPLY FOR WORK.—This is the busy season for the Board of Charities, as work is scarce for laboring men, and heads of many poor families are out of employment. There are also many men from lumber camps about town out of money, as practically all these camps are closed at present. Some ten or fifteen such men apply to the Board daily for a chance to earn board and lodging and are sent to a wood yard with which the Board has an arrangement to furnish such men with board and lodging for work. The needy are not turned away, but those who are able to work are required to earn their own living. A few of the applicants are men who have been working in logging camps elsewhere and came here for the holidays with money which they have spent in riotous living, but most of them are hard-working men who are unable to find employment.

STREET-CAR INTERSECTIONS COMPLETED.—The complicated street railway intersection and curves, cross-curves and switch-backs which have for some time blocked the thoroughfare at the corner of Washington and Fifth streets, are at last completed, and the cars were being operated over them in all sorts of directions yesterday. People who now attempt to cross the streets there will need eyes in the back as well as front of the head, and will have to keep them turned to every point of the compass at once. It is fortunate that more than two streets cannot cross each other at right angles at the same time and place.

FALLS THREE STORIES.—James V. Kelley, a plasterer, while working on a building at Twenty-third and Everett streets yesterday, lost his footing and fell a distance of three stories, striking the ground in a cramped position. The fall rendered him unconscious for a time and he was removed to the St. Vincents' Hospital. An examination showed that no bones had been broken, and except for being badly shocked the man was not seriously injured.

CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO CARS.—Mrs. Mary Ebner, who lives at 291 Stanton street, was taken to the St. Vincent's Hospital yesterday in a semi-conscious condition. She had been caught between two passing street cars and thrown to the ground with great force. She was badly jarred and bruised, and will have to remain in the hospital for a few days. Her injuries are not regarded as serious.

SEAMEN'S CONCERT.—A most attractive concert will be given at the Seamen's Institute (100 North Front street) on Wednesday, December 23, at 8 p. m., under the direction of Miss Spencer. The programme will include selections by the Y. M. C. A. quartette and humorous songs by J. Frazer of the steamship Indrapura.

SOAMI RAM TO LECTURE TODAY.—The Soami Ram will speak on "The Child Widows of India" this afternoon at 6 o'clock at 405 Stark street. Members of the local organization for this cause are urged to be in attendance and all interested in this work are cordially invited to be present.

LEWIS AND CLARK JOURNAL.—This handsome paper, the official publication of the Fair, will appear today. Special articles, beautiful half-tones, enamel paper. Subscription price, $1.50 per year. Agents wanted in all cities and towns. Office in McKay building, Third and Stark streets. Phone Hood 1867. *

MACE'S MARKET, 151 Fourth street, has decidedly the finest display of good things for Christmas in the poultry line. Hundreds of Oregon turkeys, every one guaranteed; no cold storage stock of any kind for sale at Mace's Market. *

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LEGISLATOR IS MISSING

FRANK DAVEY, FROM MARION COUNTY, CANNOT BE FOUND.

No Word Received From Him for Ten Days--May Be Snowbound in the Interior.

Frank Davey's seat in the House of Representatives is unoccupied and no trace of the legislator from Marion County can be found. Friends and relatives are much alarmed at his disappearance, surrounding which there are circumstances that have given rise to the fear that he has met with an accident or mishap of some kind.

Not since December 13 has any word been received from him. On that date he was at Whitney on a recruiting tour for the Order of Lions, of which he is the assistant to the supreme president, P. A. McPherson. He made a report to headquarters from that point and then dropped from sight.

Little was thought of the fact that his reports had been discontinued until last Saturday, when he failed to return to the city to go to Salem, as he had planned. When several more days passed without any word from him, telegrams were sent out by Mr. McPherson to various towns where Mr. Davey was scheduled to appear, but there is no trace of him so far as known since he left Whitney.

While greatly worried, Mrs. Davey is trying to take an optimistic view of his disappearance and believes that he will be heard from soon. She has had no word from him for two weeks, however, and has fears that he has met with an accident or is sick in some small settlement where there is no means of ready communication with the outside world.

Mr. McPherson advances the theory that the missing man may be snowbound on the stage routes of Wheeler or Granite Counties. On his itinerary was the town of Fossil, in Wheeler County, and Canyon City, in Grant County. Fossil is 65 miles by stage from Whitney, where Mr. Davey was last heard from, which is an instance tending to support the theory that he is either at Fossil or somewhere on the stage route to that village.

This is regarded by Mr. McPherson as the most probable theory. Mr. Davey had no considerable amount of money in his possession, he states, and would not have been a tempting victim for robbers.

CONVENTION NOT WANTED.

First Christian Church Opposes Invitation to National Body.

Portland's inability to house and care for several thousand visitors is given as the reason for the opposition manifested by a member of the First Presbyterian Church to having the 1905 convention of that church meet here. Rev. J. F. Ghormley went to the convention in Detroit the past Summer, armed with invitations from the city and the railroads to hold the 1905 convention in Portland, and through his hard work and earnest endeavors he secured the convention's pledge to come to the Pacific Coast at that time. San Francisco was the only serious rival Portland had, and while the official choice cannot be made until the convention meets next year in Omaha, Dr. Ghormley had many assurances from those in a position to judge, that Portland would be selected.

The official board of the First Christian Church has sent the following letter expressing its views as opposed to the convention accepting Portland's invitation in 1905:

Portland, Or., Sept. 25.—Benjamin L. Smith, Corresponding Secretary, G. C. M. C., Cincinnati, O. Dear Brother—As there appears to be a general desire on the part of many churches in the West to have the general convention come to the Coast in 1905, and some of the churches in this state are endeavoring to bring it to Portland, we wish to express to you our feelings in the matter and present to you and the convention the conditions as they exist.

The antagonism of the official board to the work of other members of the church for the convention, and to their pastor, is said to have caused decided feeling, especially as friends of Mr. Ghormley charge that the board prepared the letter at a meeting some time prior to Mr. Ghormley's departure for the National convention, and failed to let him know their attitude on the question.

We admit there are many things favorable to meeting at Portland at that time, but we call your attention to some unfavorable conditions. Portland is to hold the Lewis and Clark Fair in 1905. The hotels are at the present time very much overcrowded, and already we hear expressions of fear that the city will not be able to provide accommodations during the Fair. There are many other conventions scheduled for this city at that time, and there can be no doubt about our inability to properly house the delegations that would be in attendance. The First Church of Portland is at present considerably burdened with debt, and we consider it a very unwise idea to give any encouragement whatever to this undertaking that can only result in a still greater financial burden, and with no prospect of a success that would in any way reward our efforts.

"Not the Proper Time."

Under the circumstances, we wish it distinctly understood that, regardless of any statements made to the convention by individuals or organizations in this state or elsewhere, that we do not consider this the proper time to entertain the convention of our people, and further, that the responsibility of success or failure, should the convention decide to come, be assumed by the persons or organizations inviting same.

Please convey to the convention at Detroit the position we take, and make it very plain that the First Church does not extend any invitation whatever for 1905, but will be glad to have the convention at some more favorable time, and will give it our hearty support whenever it does come to our city.

By order of official board of the First Christian Church, Portland, Or., September 14, 1903.
O. O. HALL, Clerk.

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