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AMUSEMENTS.

ARCADE THEATRE, 7th and Washington—Continued yesterday, 2:30 to 10:30 P. M.
 ORDINARY THEATRE, Washington st.—Evening, 8:15, Jesse Shirley Company in "Dora".
 THE BAKER THEATRE, Third and Tenth—Evening, 8:15, The Baker Theatre Company in "Dora".

OLD FRIENDS MEET AGAIN.—The number of old-time citizens still in business in this city is growing less as the year rolls by, and those who have been in business here for, say, 20 years are quite few, especially those who have occupied the same premises continuously for that time. This fact was brought forcibly to the mind of one old-timer a day or two ago when he met an old friend who had been away from Portland for over 25 years and was asked to identify him at a bank. After this had been done the two walked up Stark street and as they were passing the building just west of Leach's Bank the long absent one hailed and remarked: "There is my old friend, Oswald, still at work on his old bench. He used to make calfskin boots for me 20 years ago." "There is his partner, Sanderson, also, who has been associated with him in business for nearly 30 years. They used to make boots for me over 25 years ago in this same room on the same benches," said the long resident. "Let's go in and see them." The recognition and pleasure were mutual all around, and a very pleasant chat was indulged in about old times and old-time friends. Mr. Oswald said he still continued to make calfskin boots for some old-time customers, but there were not many of them left. "How much was it I used to pay you for a pair of sewed boots?" asked the returned traveler. "Seven or eight dollars, wasn't it?" "Oh, worse than that," said Mr. Oswald, smiling. "They used to be \$12 to \$14 a pair." He said he had carried on business continuously in the shoe room or an adjoining one for over 20 years, and had no intention of moving as long as he remained in business, but he did not expect to remain there forever, and it was interesting to know how many there are in the city who have been in business in one place so long, but it would take a lot of trouble to find out.

CASE FOR COMMITTEE OF SAFETY.—Among the hundred and more buildings which have been inspected by the fire committee of the Council as to their safety from fire or other mishap liable to cause loss of life, is the building at the northwest corner of Second and Stark streets, owned by Isaac White and occupied by the American Type Foundry Company. The ground floor is let to brokers and others, but the second and third stories are occupied by the Type Foundry Company, which has a printing press in the third story. When this is in operation it shakes the building so that the occupants are thrown about in the air, and the occupants of the ground floor, the pendant gasoliers swinging back and forth quite a distance at times. The committee was inclined to consider the structure somewhat unsafe under present conditions, but the occupants do not appear seriously alarmed, although they know that the vibration will continue to increase and in time may cause trouble. The north wall of the building has been braced and supported, one occupant said, an outside support is lacking since the adjoining half of the Sherbrook block was destroyed by fire, and has not yet been rebuilt. The case of this building will be one for the proposed permanent committee of safety to investigate, should such a committee be appointed.

HAS QUARTZ CLAIMS ON KLONDIKE.—An interested visitor at the permanent exhibit yesterday was Charles Goldstein, of Texas, who has been engaged in mining at Dawson, Y. T., since '97, and who has just come out with a lot of quartz. He is on his way for a brief visit to his home in Texas. He was carefully and critically examining all the specimens of gold-bearing quartz or mineral in the collection. Mr. Goldstein owns 20 quartz claims at Dawson, each being 100 feet square. These claims are not yet fully developed, as Mr. Goldstein says, because he has not had the necessary capital for such an extensive work, but he has shafts sunk 30 feet on some of them, and takes out enough gold to enable him to eat when he is hungry and drink when he is thirsty. When asked his opinion of the specimens in the permanent exhibit he said they were a fine lot, and, if he owned all the claims they were taken from them and had them all developed, he would tell Rockefeller to come and black his boots.

LONG TRAINS ARE NOW THE RULE.—A citizen who was crossing the Steel bridge about 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon was much interested in a long train of box cars which was being pushed across the bridge from the East Side. He said it was the longest train he ever saw moving, and was anxious to know what it was. In regard to it, as he thought there must have been 50 cars in it, for, when the front end was in the draw of the bridge the engine pushing at the rear was some distance east of the last car. He said he was telephoning to the yard master at the terminal grounds it was instantly ascertained that the train was composed of 45 cars loaded with freight from the East, and that this was a very large train, continental train these days, as a number of times lately a train of 45 loaded cars has arrived here from the East.

TO PUNISH A FANCY COMEDY.—"A Peppering Question," a farce-comedy, will be played by members of the June class of 1904 of the High School next Friday night at Arion Hall. The performance and a reception to be held the following evening in honor of the class that has just graduated. The patronesses are: Mrs. Frank Rigler, Mrs. T. T. Davis, Mrs. C. L. Mastick and Miss Christina McConnell. The cast of characters is as follows: Mr. Middleton, Chester Van Houten; Mrs. Middleton, Agnes Rice; Tom Middleton, Sam Rosen; Jessie Middleton, Clara Mastick; Sue Middleton, Juliette Egan; Larry, Paul Nina Guthrie; Maud, Maude Cleveland; Mrs. Nove, Mabel Lewis; Alexander Wilson, Norval Smith; Mary, Grace Reeves; Fritz, Leo Lobner; Frank, Eptamus; Claude McChesney; Health Officer, Sam E. Boone.

FOR DIRECT MAIL TO THE CHIEF.—A letter was received by the Chamber of Commerce yesterday from Senator Fulton stating that the Oregon delegation at Washington is still doing all it can to secure the establishment of a direct mail service between Portland and the Orient. The letter states that Senator Fulton recently called upon the Postmaster-General and the latter informed him that he has sent here for information to guide him in deciding about the matter.

JONG SOW DIED OF HEART DISEASE.—Jong Sow, the Chinaman who was found dead in the county jail yesterday morning, died from valvular disease of the heart. The autopsy was held yesterday afternoon by Dr. Fred Gullette. No marks of violence were found upon his body, and it is thought that his life would have ended quite as suddenly if he had been allowed his liberty. The Chinaman was imprisoned on the charge of being unlawfully in the country.

ST. VALENTINE'S ENTERTAINMENT.—Lacking pictures (Gibson), Utilitarian Chapel, Friday evening; children's hour, 7 to 8. Valentines and home-made candies, pictures and music at 8. Admission, children 10 cents, adults 15 cents.

JAPAN LOOKING FOR SUPPLIES.—A considerable part of the friendliness exhibited for the Japanese is probably due to the prospect of a large amount of business in furnishing them with supplies if the war goes on. All sorts of people are looking toward Japan for a market for all sorts of things. A strange Japanese was about town for several days calling at many places and inquiring the prices of all sorts of things, most of the time accompanied by an English-speaking Japanese, who has lived here for several years. Yesterday morning he called at the agency of Mr. Stolt, the Salem manufacturer of jellies, apple butter, cider, etc., and began asking questions and tasting samples wholesale. The agent on his part began asking questions of the English-speaking Japanese to find out what he was looking for. He was told that if the war proceeded Japan would probably require a large amount of jellies, etc., for hospital stores, as delicacies for sick or wounded soldiers, and the stranger was looking around to see what could be obtained here in that line. The taster was most pleased with the articles he sampled and went off with his mouth full of apple-butter.

PREPARING FOR CHINESE NEW YEAR.—The Chinese merchants whose stores are in the north half of the Sherbrook block, which was not totally destroyed by fire, have been very anxious to get repairs made that would enable them to resume business by the beginning of the Chinese New Year, February 13. The repairs have been made practically waterproof, though it is far from being completed, the work having been much delayed by very unfavorable weather. The first and second stories are well along in being ready for occupancy, and Charles Young has moved part of his stock into his old quarters, but much is still in other rooms, and all the occupants of the store hope to be doing some business at least by February 13. A large shipment of sugar cane, candles of many kinds, and the curious salt fish, considered the proper thing for Chinese New Year celebration, arrived on the last steamer, and will be available by February 15. The Chinese restaurant, which is to occupy a great part of the block, is approaching completion. Chinese carpenters having done much of the work, and the painters are now putting on their part of the finish.

BLESSED WITH AN APPETITE.—A lucky fellow had a small check on one of the principal banks of the city, which he was very anxious to turn into cash before lunch time yesterday, but he got in a long string at the paying teller's window. As he sat there was a chance of reaching the window before noon, at which time he supposed the window would be closed for an hour, he became quite excited, and his aching stomach grew clamorous. The teller, however, stuck to his post, throwing money and checks right and left, till the impatient man got in front and handed in his check. While the money was being counted out he said to the teller, "I suppose you had sooner handle money than eat." "No, indeed," was the reply, "and I have an aching void inside here which cries for lunch at this time." The teller, however, stuck to his post, and the man, who had a very good appetite and sometimes imagine I have a tapeworm also, but I know Rockefeller would give a million dollars for such an appetite. He can't eat money and is tired of living on bread and milk and a soft-boiled egg. "Come out and take lunch with me," said the man with money, and the window closed with a slam.

SHOW STORM GOES AHEAD.—The early part of yesterday was the gloomiest day of the season, as at 9 o'clock the snow was falling in large, soft flakes so numerous that it was impossible to see more than a few feet ahead. The wind was blowing from the north, and the world was plucking snow. Everything was enshrouded in white till about noon, and the city appeared lonely, for even Front street was deserted, and only a few stragglers were seen. The snow was constantly adding to it, and then sold it to the famous Woodward Gardens in San Francisco. The birds in the collection presented the entire bird world of Oregon. The large variety of wild ducks was especially fine.

A communication from the Dalles gives the particulars of an Indian outbreak in the upper country. Fourteen horses were stolen and many other robberies committed near the mouth of the Snake River. The Umatilla Agency had sent to Walla Walla for troops to subdue the Indians, who were very hostile, and settlers were taking up precaution against outrages by the savages.

SPORTING ITEM.—"The Boss" is at the county jail. William W. Dwyer, he has been during most of the frozen snap. He has been putting in his time amongst the canvasbacks. In one day he finished nine ducks and he did not consider it much of a feat. He is a double-barreled shot gun, and averages about three fowls at a double shot, but sometimes he has the fortune to bring down five. The farm was an operand of enticing the innocent waterfowl in range of the hunter's gun is by placing a number of decoy ducks (made of wood and painted the color of the game) in a pond of water, which the ducks seeing flying over swoop down to see. At this period the portly form of "The Boss" is seen rising from his ambush and giving both barrels, drops them at the place described above.

WILLAMETTE THEATRE.—Wednesday Eve, Feb. 11, 1904. Positively for One Night Only. The Wizard of the Nile. The Fakir of Siva. Will give one of his exhibitions as above, with an entire change of programme. Ballroom reception and fireworks in front of the theatre at 7 o'clock. Admission—Dress circle, \$1.00; pit, 50 cents; gallery, 25 cents. Performance to commence at 7:30.

WILL LECTURE ON THE WAR.—Japanese Writer of Ability Who Knows the Situation Thoroughly. Mr. Adachi Kinnoke, a Japanese writer and scholar of San Francisco, will deliver a lecture at the Baker Theatre next Saturday evening on the war situation. The end and aim of the proposed lecture is to place before the American people in as definite a form as possible the Japanese side of the situation.

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CONCERT AT SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.—The concert at the Seamen's Institute will be given this evening, having been postponed from yesterday. The following excellent programme will be given under the direction of J. Adrian Eppinger: Maseo singing solo, Miss Bert for Royal; recitation, Miss Blanche Robeson; tenor solo, Louis Davis; piano selection, Miss Nellie Daly; recitation, Mrs. Louise Godard; contralto solo, Miss Mae Breslin; baritone solo, E. R. Keith; recitation, Albert E. Johnson; baritone solo, Reg. F. Jones; double mixed quartet—soprano, Miss Eva L. Wells, Miss Nellie O'Brien, Miss Lucia Barton; tenors, Louis Davies, Ralph Davies; alto, Miss Mae Breslin, Miss Petronella Connolly; basses, Reginald F. Jones, Joseph Tansler.

BALTIMORE FIRE LOSSES.—John T. Fogarty, assistant manager of the Royal and Queen Insurance Companies, received the following telegram from Kella V. Watt, manager of the Pacific department of the companies: "Royal's losses, Baltimore fire, \$1,000,000; Queen Insurance Company's loss, \$50,000; only about one-tenth of the net surplus, or annual income of the companies, is represented by the loss. They may congratulate themselves upon being connected with companies able, because of their great resources, to regard such losses as merely incident to the business." The local agent of the Royal Insurance Company is W. J. Clemens, Chamber of Commerce building. The Queen is represented by Hartman, Thompson & Powers and James Manner & Co.

R. E. HUGHES PASSED EXAMINATION.—In answer to a telegram from his brother, Chester Hughes, Midshipman R. E. Hughes, a Portland boy, attending the Annapolis Naval Academy, telegraphed yesterday: "Report incorrect; passed good examination." The report referred to was a Washington dispatch to the effect that young Hughes had failed to pass the semi-annual examination.

OLYMPIC PANCAKE demonstration at Long & Ogden's, Front and Gibbs, today.

THE DAILY NEWSFORTY-THREE YEARS AGO.—Compiled and Reprinted From Oregonian of February 11, 1861.

(Monday, Feb. 11, 1861, began the second volume of the Oregonian, a daily newspaper. For many years there was no Sunday paper printed. The new venture was thriving and advertising was coming in on a large scale. The issue of Feb. 11 had no new war news.)

"The new Secretary of War, General William B. Frick, a capable and energetic man. It will be remembered he commanded the American force in Mexico after General Scott's return to the States."

Natural History.—We are gratified in being able to state that Messrs. Buchtel & Cardwell at their photographic gallery (First street, two doors above Washington upstairs), have a very interesting collection of specimens in natural history, especially of animals and birds found in Oregon.

We hope this cabinet of Messrs. Buchtel & Cardwell will be largely increased by the liberality of citizens of Oregon who may come into the possession of interesting specimens. The gentlemen named are entitled to great consideration for the collection they have made of the Central Pacific and New England. The latter was of little value outside of its strategic importance as an independent connecting link between the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania and New England. The road was merely a connecting link and was blocked on one end by the big anthracite carriers and on the other by the New Haven.

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ITS EARNINGS SHOW INCREASE.—Southern Pacific Receipts \$4,941,110 Greater in a Year.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The report of the Southern Pacific for the year ending June 30 last, was issued today. The total income from operations of rail and water lines, interest and dividends, rentals and all other sources, was \$9,082,430, an increase of \$1,431,130, as compared with the preceding year. Operating expenses, including \$10,867,720 for maintenance and equipment, were \$8,301,230, an increase of \$1,431,130, as compared with the preceding year. The net income, after deducting the additional expense of moving traffic during the year, in which a large amount of reconstruction was under way.

During the year 27 locomotives were changed to burn oil, making a total of 63 locomotives thus equipped at the close of the fiscal year.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.—Change of Bill at Cordray's. The bill will be changed at Cordray's Theatre tonight and Miss Jessie Shirley will be the attraction. Tomorrow night on Emma Elster's play "Doris." Among Miss Shirley's extensive repertoire of good plays she likes this one best.

Tomorrow opening the performance will be in aid of the House of the Good Shepherd, a very worthy charity. Next week's attraction at Cordray's, commencing Sunday matinee, will be a new Eastern organization presenting "One Night in June," a pretty pastoral play with a big cast, new scenic effects and one of the most remarkable child actresses in the country.

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PRICES ARE BOUND TO DO IT

We're taking stock, getting in shape after the rush of business the past few weeks, and preparing for the big Spring shipments now due, and we are going to get rid of every second-hand and damaged piano and organ in the store. 147 of them go, many the best standard makes, handsome and practically good as new. Prices on pianos \$35 to \$200. Payments down \$5 and remainder in small monthly installments. Organs for \$16 and up to \$56. Payments \$3 down and small monthly or weekly installments.

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