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**AMUSEMENTS.**

THE MARQUAM GRAND THEATER, Morrison, near 6th—Evening, 8:15, The Bostonians in "Robin Hood."

THE BAKER THEATER, Third and Yamhill Streets—Evening, 8:15, the Baker Theater Company in "The Case of Rebellious Susan."

ARCADE THEATER, Seventh and Washington Streets—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30 to 10:30 P. M.

CORDRAY'S THEATER, Washington Street—Evening, 8:15, "Down by the Sea."

CONTEST HAPPILY ENDED.—The voting contest that has been conducted by the Order of Washington during the past few months came to a close yesterday evening at 7 o'clock. The three leading candidates, Miss Martha Bruner, of Portland Union, No. 2; Miss Ivy Vorbeck, of Martha Union, No. 35, and Mrs. Edith Brickle, of Myrtle Union, No. 71, have been running a very close race for the $150 diamond ring offered for the lady member receiving the most votes, met about one hour before the close of the contest and mutually agreed to divide the value of the prize among themselves equally. This arrangement was accepted by the Supreme Union and each of the prominent contestants will receive a present equal in value to the sum of $50. The second prize, offered to the most popular gentleman, was won by William Heater by a good majority. The contest has been very animated and has created considerable rivalry among the several unions of the order and has ended very happily. All are contented and pleased with the outcome, and on Saturday evening, February 27, at the hall of Martha Union, Second and Yamhill streets, a joint meeting will be held and the prizes awarded. Great preparations will be made to entertain the friends of the contestants.

HE GOT EVEN WITH CENTRAL.—"Hello, Central," called the irate L. B. Barnes in a saloon at First and Sheridan streets, yesterday afternoon, and it is because central did not answer that Mr. Barnes occupies a place in the City Jail. Barnes rushed into the saloon yesterday afternoon, pretending to be in a great hurry. He took the receiver from the telephone hook, and waited for an answer. No answer came, and he pounded upon the hook, and called to the girls at the other end of the line in impatient tones. Still there was no response, and he decided that telephones were a vexation rather than a benefit, and that he would put one at least out of business. So firm was he in his conviction upon this subject that he did not even consult the proprietor of the house, but gave the instrument a violent jerk, tearing it from the wall. Instead of being grateful for the service the proprietor summoned the police. The charge placed against Barnes is willful defacing of property.

NUMEROUS TAX TITLE SUITS.—Numerous suits to set aside tax titles are said to be in course of preparation by attorneys. Since the county authorities bid in property for old delinquent taxes, and has since sold some of it to speculators, tax-title suits have been frequent. These suits are also brought about by the fact that Judge Cleland decided that the County Court had no authority to compromise tax claims, and that all compromises heretofore made are void. The only course now remaining for people to pursue whose property is clouded by tax titles is to resort to the courts for relief. This new source of litigation has for some time past increased the revenue collected in the State Circuit Court in the way of fees very considerably, and has made business for lawyers.

HERMAN REINHART WRONGFULLY ACCUSED.—A report from Seattle states that Herman Reinhart, manager of the Arlington dock, who was arrested in December last on a charge of complicity in the theft of a car of wheat from the Great Northern, has been found not guilty by the court in Seattle. The evidence showed that he had no connection with the affair and was wrongfully accused. When he was arrested his employer made a statement showing his faith in the honesty and integrity of Mr. Reinhart, and the friends of the latter stood faithfully by him. He was ready for a hearing at any time, but the case was frequently postponed. When he succeeded in getting a hearing he proved his innocence without difficulty.

HE HID BEHIND A TRUNK.—Reuben Neer, who has been out of the County Jail but a short time, was arrested yesterday by Officers Price and Brothers. The charge placed against him is trespass, but they say that he was trying to rob a lodging-house at 110 Fourth street. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon he walked into the lodging-house and was prowling about in one of the rooms. The landlord was attracted by a slight noise that he made, and looked into the room. Neer, when he heard the landlord coming, took refuge behind a trunk. He was only partially concealed, however, and while he was in hiding the police were notified and two policemen dispatched to the scene.

BUNCO OPERATORS DRIVEN AWAY.—Bunco operators who have infested the neighborhood of the Union Depot for months past have had their harvest very seriously interfered with of late, and have been seeking fields and pastures new. When they were first complained of by their numerous victims, several months ago, there was only one police officer on the beat. A second was added, and recently a third policeman has been on duty in that vicinity. The Northern Pacific Terminal Company officials have instructed their employes to spot the thieves and drive them away, and the vigilance of the employes in this direction has accomplished good results.

ADDRESSES BAPTIST MINISTERS.—Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher, of the First Baptist Church, delivered the address at the meeting of the Baptist Ministerial Association at the Young Men's Christian Association, yesterday morning. Dr. Brougher's subject was "Methods of Church Work," and was largely a description of his work in former pastorates in Harrison, N. J., and in Chattanooga, Tenn. Among those present were Rev. S. C. Flower and Rev. E. W. Nell, who is holding evangelistic services at the Immanuel Baptist Church.

OLYMPIA COUPLE WEDDED.—Harry Rogers and Miss Pearl Kelly, of Olympia, were united in marriage yesterday morning by Justice of the Peace William Reid. The pair arrived on the morning train and registered at the St. Charles Hotel. Harry Mitchell, a local hackdriver, who is a friend of both the young people, obtained the license for them by request on Saturday. The wedding was witnessed by County Clerk Fields, County Auditor Carl A. Brandes, Mrs. Lucy Gray and Harry Mitchell.

PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS MEET.—The Presbyterian Ministerial Association held its regular meeting in the lecture-room of the First Presbyterian Church yesterday morning. "The Book of Revelation" was the subject of the address, which was delivered by Rev. J. E. Day. The address was followed by a general discussion.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—Tuesday, February 23, 7:45 P. M., a colonial social will be given by the Ladies' Aid Society in the Sunday school hall. Unique programme. Ye olden time costumes will be worn. Admission 10 cents, including refreshments. *

ARION CONCERT Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1904. Tickets for sale at R. Krumpf, 268 Alder street, Eysell's Pharmacy, 227 Morrison street.

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS.

### The Bostonians Tonight.

Tonight at the Marquam Grand Theater the ever-welcome Bostonians with the old favorites, Henry Clay Barnabee, William MacDonald, George Frothingham, together with an excellent cast of principals, including Agnes Brown, Gertrude Zimmer, Adele Rafter, Howard Chambers, Blanche Morrison, Laura Oakley, Antoinette Martin, Campbell Donald, Harry Dale, Joseph M. Ratliff, J. E. Miller, Douglass Ruthven and George Fiske will present their famous success, "Robin Hood." Tomorrow (Wednesday) night "The Serenade" will be the play. Thursday night their new opera, "The Queen of Laughter." "Robin Hood" will be repeated at the special price matinee tomorrow. The Bostonian Orchestra, together with the Marquam Theater orchestra under the direction of Mr. Studley, for years with the Bostonians, will prove a treat.

### Moving Picture Concert.

The illustrated moving picture concert, given by Messrs. Steel and Freeland at Taylor-Street Church last evening, was a pronounced success. For the third time during the past year this entertainment has packed the church to the doors, and as on both former occasions the expressions of appreciation were many and enthusiastic. The moving pictures were even better and more realistic than on the two former occasions. "The Trip to the Moon" and "The New York Fire Department in Action" received especial praise. A particularly noticeable feature of the moving pictures was the entire absence of the glimmering and hazy appearance so common with other moving picture machines. The colored stereopticon views of California, Florida and Columbia River scenery, as well as the views of the cities and cathedrals of Europe, were especially pleasing and equal to months of travel and sightseeing. The vocal solos and duets by Messrs. C. E. Freeland and F. D. Confer, illustrated by many views, met the approval of the large audience.

### Sale for Murray and Mack.

Tomorrow (Wednesday) morning at 10 o'clock, the advance sale of seats will open for Murray and Mack, who come to the Marquam Grand Theater next Friday and Saturday nights, February 26 and 27, with a popular-price matinee Saturday, in their second edition of "A Night On Broadway." Elaborate and massive scenic sets, mechanical and electrical effects are carried intact for each act, which promises a musical attraction out of the ordinary.

### At the Baker.

The Baker Theater Company is excelling itself this week in an unusually clever production of Henry Arthur Jones' bright, original comedy, "The Case of Rebellious Susan." A story of domestic difficulties in high life, the temporary results of a pretty young wife's open rebellion to a condition of affairs so many of her sex endure in silent pride, all told in a satirical and humorous vein that makes an exceptionally interesting and amusing play.

### "Down by the Sea."

"Down by the Sea" drew a big Monday night house at Cordray's Theater last night, and judging from the comments of the crowd when leaving the theater, the play and company have both made a big hit. The same bill until Saturday night.

### Howard Kyle in "Rosemary."

Howard Kyle, supported by an excellent company of players, will be seen at the Marquam Grand Theater next Monday night in John Drew's famous success, "Rosemary."

### "The Two Orphans."

The Baker Theater Company is now rehearsing for "The Two Orphans," which is to be given next week at The Baker.

BALKED AT PAYING FARE.—Ten irate sons of Italy besieged the employment agency on Second street, near Couch, yesterday afternoon, declaring that they would either have money or somebody's gore. The demonstration was for the benefit of C. R. Hanson, the manager of the concern, who had signed the ten Italians for work at a rock quarry at Fisher's Landing, up the Columbia River. The ten had paid their resistration fee and thought there was no further expense attached to the expedition. However, when they reached the dock to take a steamer for the scene of labor, they were told that another half-dollar apiece would have to be paid before they could ride on the boat. The purser told them this, and they replied with mixed Italian and English invectives, and started for the employment agency, declaring they would have their registration fee back. Manager Hanson saw the array coming and notified the police. An officer was directed from the station to interview the leader of the Italians and inform him that in the opinion of the police the laborers had nothing coming. This ended the trouble for a time, but the Italians did not disperse without vowing dark vengeance on the employment agency and its manager.

JOHN L. MCGINN'S NOME CASE.—News has been received from Nome that the jury in the McGinn-Strong libel case could not agree. Upon the first ballot eight members voted to allow McGinn $5000 damages. A compromise at $2500 was proposed. Finally the amount was reduced to $100, but two of the jurymen refused to give their vote to even this amount. John L. McGinn, formerly of Portland, is the plaintiff in the suit, which was brought February 2, 1903, against the editor and publisher of the Nugget on account of articles that had appeared and which McGinn regarded as libelous. He asked for $50,000 damages. The case has attracted wide attention at Nome, and much interest is manifested in the final settlement. Advices say that McGinn will move for a new trial, and the case will probably be heard again at an early date.

LOVE IS WINNER AT PRESENT.—Love has triumphed over parental objections in the case of Nina Moore and Bert Hower, the young Albany couple who eloped from that place several days ago and who have been repeatedly denied a marriage license because both are under age. Yesterday Robert W. Moore, the objecting parent of the young girl, retreated from his harsh position and yielded to the entreaties of the couple. He gave his consent and returned to his home at Albany. When the couple appear before the County Clerk next time they will not be denied a license as on previous occasions. They have announced their intention of being made one today. The bride-to-be is but 16 years old, while the groom, who is a bootblack, is three years her senior.

TO BUILD OR TO REPAIR.—Whether to build a new building for the Park School or to repair the burned structure will be the question before the special meeting of the Board of Education this morning. Nearly $25,000 has been received from the insurance companies, and this sum, with about $15,000 from the fund of the directors, would rebuild the schoolhouse, it is said. The ventilation of the old building can be greatly improved. If the structure is rebuilt, the foundation and much of the lower story can be used again.

HER FACE TOLD THE STORY.—One glance at her face confirmed the story that she told. Mary Stack accused George Patrickson of assault and battery. Her face was bruised and colored from violent blows. Patrickson made no protestations but meekly walked into the City Jail to await his trial. Patrickson is a carpenter who lives at 302 Madison street. The complaining witness has been known as his wife, but she now disclaims the title. The trouble, she said, grew from a slight jealousy. Patrickson said nothing.

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## The Oregonian During the Civil War

**February 23, 1861.**

IN HONOR OF THE DAY—A general display of the Stars and Stripes yesterday denoted that the patriotic spirit of Americans of the olden times is still evident amongst the present generation. When there are so many Palmetto, Pelican, Rattlesnake, Boar, Beaver and other kinds of flags representing outlandish animals and things, it does one's heart good to see the old National Ensign streaming from masts, liberty poles and housetops. There is not a flag under the sun that vies with it in beauty or which suggests a National record so honorable. How would it look streaming on the air with "15" stars missing? What would we do with Joseph Rodman Drake's address to the American Flag? What becomes of the lesson it teaches? The original states and the Union as it is: White, the emblem of purity; red, the patriots' sacrifice, and blue, the constancy and truth that should distinguish an American. "Forever float that standard sheet" with its bright constellation increased until "the whole boundless continent is ours."

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**February 23, 1862.**

Sunday—No paper.

**February 23, 1863.**

The Superintendent of Indian Affairs for Oregon has been petitioned to remove his office from Salem to this city. The petition has been signed by all the principal business firms of this city and the reasons assigned for the removal are clear and forcible.

A. Holbrook announces the subscriptions to the sanitary fund to be $21,795.05.

**Excise Stamps.**

On the arrival of the next steamer the undersigned will be prepared to furnish stamps as required by act of Congress (Which goes into effect March 1st), and without which promissory notes, powers of attorney, mortgages, deeds, bonds, leases or written agreements of any description will not be valid.

All persons will therefore take due notice and procure stamps accordingly.

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**February 23, 1864.**

No flag but the old flag, the red, white and blue,
With the stars of a union unbroken and true.
Arise and defend it, ye sons of the brave!
Whose blood bought the banner your valor must save.

Washington's Birthday—The celebration of Washington's birthday in this city yesterday passed off in a creditable manner, notwithstanding the very unfavorable state of the weather. The National salute fired in the morning naturally reminded one of the regular Fourth of July opening. The principal attraction of the day consisted in a liberal display of Stars and Stripes from the numerous flagstaffs in the city. Thirty-two flags floating to the breeze were counted by a casual observer while standing at a point on Washington street, which speaks well for the true loyalty of our citizens, and goes to show that the old emblem of our National rights is sought to be cherished in the dark hours of our existence as a free people. The number of military companies on parade was less than was expected, in consequence of rain at Vancouver in the morning. Company A, Captain Powell, and Company B, Captain Mills, of the First Regiment of the O. V. M., under command of Colonel McCraken were out in full number and reviewed by Governor Gibbs, Commander-in-Chief; Brigadier-General Coffin and staff, and a number of regular and volunteer officers of the United States service. The review was very satisfactory, after which there was considerable marching and counter marching done, when, at the invitation of Captain Randall, the battalion retired to the Armory of the Portland Guards, where an impromptu banquet was served by the officers of that company, and brief exercises passed through with, during which time the following toast was offered by Governor Gibbs:

"Washington—The father of his country—Who established a country never to be divided."

About 3 P. M. the battalion marched to the Armory of Company B and partook of an excellent dinner, after which Company A was escorted to its Armory by the Washington Guard, and returning were dismissed. The Mechanics' band furnished the music and they certainly did better than on any previous occasion, if such a thing was possible. By the request of S. N. Arrigoni the military officers and other guests repaired to the dining hall of the Pioneer Hotel and discussed the dinner prepared for them by that popular host, with his compliments. Thus the day passed without an incident to mar the good feeling which prevailed in spite of the dismal appearance of the atmosphere. When the lamps were lighted in the evening 'twas only to witness a repetition of pleasures and festivities. Ladd's new hall was brilliantly illuminated and the third annual ball of No. 2 was the largest affair of the kind which ever occurred in Portland. Two bands of music were employed and dancing was kept up until an early hour this morning.

**By Overland Telegraph.**

General E. O. C. Ord is to take command of the Army of the Potomac.

Grant's Army is under marching orders.

The United States Treasury now has $25,000,000 in gold.

Jeff Davis has issued a proclamation to his army.

Officers who escaped from Libby Prison were recaptured.

**Baltimore News Is Again Itself.**

BALTIMORE, Feb. 22.—The Baltimore News, whose plant was completely destroyed in the great fire of February 7, is being published in Baltimore from its own plant today. Its 12 issues since the fire were printed by the Washington Post. The News has established in the old McKane foundry a complete plant, including three quadruple presses and 21 linotype machines, with boilers, engines and motors to run them. The American will use the News plant temporarily. The Sun is being printed in Washington, and the Herald in Philadelphia, until they can get new plants set up in Baltimore, which they are doing with all possible expedition.

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The Metropolitan Life puts forth a statement of its business in 1903, presenting an array of figures that shows impressively the intimate relations between this institution and the whole people. In one item alone an amazing fact is stated. It is that giving the number of policies in force on the last day of the year—more than 7,500,000—showing that one person in every ten of the entire population of the United States is insured in this company.

In other items the figures are too large to convey any clear meaning until they are divided and subdivided and made to apply to days and hours instead of years. For example, this great company has paid to and invested for its policy holders since organization, over $228,000,000—a sum that will impress the average reader merely as being vast and very vague. There is quick comprehension, however, when we learn by a little calculation that during 1903 the amount thus distributed among policy holders averaged $89 a minute during every working day of the year.

Every day in the year 859 claims were paid; every day in the year more than 6000 new policies were written. At the end of every day in the year the company's assets were more than $50,000 greater than in the morning. Its total assets at the end of the year were more than $105,000,000. Its total income for the one year 1903 was over $49,000,000.

Going back 20 years we have some comparative figures that tell a story of almost incredible growth. The company's income for the year 1883 was a little over $3,000,000; for 1893 a little over $15,000,000; for 1903 over $49,000,000; its surplus since 1883 has increased from about $627,000 to over $10,000,000. When we come to the amount of outstanding insurance at the end of the year we pass the billion mark. The exact sum is $1,242,331,457.00.

The Metropolitan Life received from premiums and other sources during 1903 over $6,500,000 more than in 1902. Considering the relative condition of the financial markets in these two years, this exhibit is at first surprising, then illuminating. In 1902 money was plentiful; public confidence in the manifold projects of promoters and financiers had never been stronger; "times were good." In 1903 these conditions were reversed. Thousands of hitherto prosperous wage-earners were out of employment; others were forced to accept reduced wages; the incomes of the well-to-do shrank and dwindled; and everywhere there was a decided tendency to retrench and to withhold money from investment. Yet this was by far the most prosperous year of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's existence.

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**Pope Asked to Divide Diocese.**

ROME, Feb. 22.—At today's meeting of the Congregation of the Propaganda, it was decided to propose to the pope that the diocese of Providence, R. I., be divided, Fall River to be selected as the see of the new diocese and the Rev. William Stang, of Providence, to be chosen as the new bishop.

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