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AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAM GRAND THEATRE. Morrison st., between 6th and 7th—Tonight at 8:15, Rose Coghill in "The Greatest Thing in the World."
THE BAKER THEATRE. Third and Yamhill sts.—Tonight at 8:15, the Noll-Morocco company, in "Antistrophe."
CORDRAY'S THEATRE. Washington st.—Tonight at 8:15, Olympia Comic Opera company, in "The Two Vagabonds."
ARCADIA THEATRE. 7th and Washington—Continuous vaudeville, 2 to 10:30 P. M.

PROGRESS ON FIRST-STREET BRIDGE.—Very rapid progress has been made with the work of getting ready the massive concrete foundations for the piers and supports of the steel bridge on First street over Marquam's Gulch. The excavations are practically completed, and the work of putting in the concrete was commenced yesterday. The materials for the bridge are being dumped from the sides of the old bridge, and dumped from wheelbarrows through openings cut directly over the excavations. It is easy to see from the manner in which the muckers and others employed on this work are hustled by Contractor Jacobson that not a moment of the fine weather is to be wasted, and it all goes well the foundations will be completed before it has been fairly realized that they have been started. The progress of the work is watched with interest by the residents of the section south of the bridge, who expect that its completion will remove the hoodoo which for years has retarded the improvement of that fine residence district. They linger as they make their way down town over the sidewalks of the old bridge, which they are warned is done at their own risk, as the walks are dangerous. They express all sorts of opinions as to the cost and the wisdom of the bridge, and gaze at the vacant gap once spanned by the Second-street bridge, now entirely disappeared, and discuss the wisdom of erecting the proposed steel bridge on First street, instead of making a fill there, and to wonder what railroad company or how many will use the double-track railway to be laid across the First-street bridge, in regard to which there seems to be no definite privilege attainable. When they ask how long before the bridge will be completed they are told that three carloads of the steel have been ordered, and that it on the ground will soon be begun, and that none of the material has been mislaid, to cause delay, as is the case with the bridge over the Columbia river. The cost of the structure will be soon commenced, and it will be pushed with vigor and will be completed in so short a time as to "astonish the natives."

MURDER OF OLD HORSE KIDNED.—An old spavined horse which was shot at far from was shot and killed on Fifth street at 10 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Humane Officer Joseph Reising, and afterward was carried away to the city crematory. A short time before a man was observed on horseback riding along the street, and pulling the old nag behind him with a rope. The animal, however, was weak and on its last legs, and was being led with great effort. People passing by observed the horse, and one of the number went into the Courthouse and informed Dudley Evans, County Health Officer, about the matter. Mr. Evans questioned the man on horseback, who replied that he had just purchased the old plug for \$5 and was trying to take him into the country, but was afraid he would not be able to succeed. Without saying more the man rode rapidly away, leaving the old horse behind on the street in a helpless state. Mr. Evans telephoned to the Police Station, and Officer Reising was at once dispatched to get rid of the old creature, which he did. The name of the man in the case was not ascertained, because he rode off without disclosing it.

MARRIAGE TO PREVENT DEPORTATION.—Kunitani Sankiyo, in order to prevent his alleged wife, Masa Sankiyo, from being deported to Japan, obtained a license at the County Clerk's office yesterday, and afterward the couple was united in marriage by Justice Waldemar Seton. The woman arrived from the Orient ten days ago, and one of Inspector Barbour's deputies, suspecting that she was brought here for immoral purposes, took her into custody and caused her to be locked up in the County Jail. Kunitani Sankiyo appeared some time afterward and claimed that the woman was his wife. His proofs that they had been joined together in wedlock in Japan were not satisfactory to the authorities, so finally he agreed to marry her here, and did so. If this course is to be continued Japanese women who can find husbands will have no trouble in landing on American soil.

MILWAUKEE DISTRICT IS DEBT-FREE.—The Milwaukee school district is now clear of debt, the last \$2000 of the \$3000 bonded debt incurred in the erection of the present four-room building having been just paid out of the recent tax levy. By two special levies in two years the whole debt was wiped out after the bonds had been carried nearly ten years. Milwaukee district maintains one of the best schools in Clackamas County, has four teachers and an attendance above 150. Many of the surrounding districts send pupils to this school. This year Milwaukee won \$6 of \$9 in prizes offered by the State and District of the Revolution, and the Evening Telegram. With the debt paid the district may make some needed improvements.

WILLIAM TO DO ITS SHARE.—A committee from the Central Albina Board of Trade called on Manager F. I. Fuller, of the Portland Railway Company, to ask the company to ballast the space between its double tracks through Multnomah Addition to Maryland avenue. Mr. Fuller informed the committee that the company would not stand in the way of improving any of the streets on which its tracks were laid, but did not think it just to be required to improve the center of the streets for the use of the public, while the remainder was unimproved. He assured the committee that the company would always favor the full improvement of the streets, as that meant more residents and more travel. He agreed to fix the street crossings.

COMPLETING UNION AVENUE.—The contractors are pushing work on the improvement of Union avenue between Highland and Dekum avenue. The grading is finished and graveling has commenced on the space occupied by the double tracks of the Portland Railway Company. As gravel is close at hand, this work can go forward rapidly, and the improvement should be completed at least within two months. Union avenue is 34 feet wide from Highland to Woodlawn, and will be a very fine highway for the northeastern district. Adnsworth avenue, which is 100 feet wide, is to be graded nearly a mile east from Union avenue. As there is a gravel bed under the surface, the grade will be cut down to the gravel.

APPEAL TO PRESIDENT.—President Roosevelt is to be petitioned by the members of the American Labor Union, of Portland, to the number of 1000, to protect the Colorado miners. They appeal to the President in strong language, saying that he will be responsible for all damage done and all lives lost if he does not show Colorado's Governor that he is going beyond his rights in using the militia to help break a strike.

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GRANDNESS OF THE OREGON COUNTRY.—The April number of the North American Review publishes an able article by Henry B. Reed, secretary of the Lewis and Clark Centennial on "The Great West and the Two Easts." The article deals with the resources of the Oregon Country, giving exhaustive descriptions of the great developments in agriculture, manufacturing, commerce, mineral production, the lumber industry, and railroad transportation during late years, with the great future development assured in these industries, considering the future of the great West, and in the trade of the Asiatic countries and their trade and its ability to support a large population. The acquisition of Louisiana, the Oregon Country, Alaska and the Philippines and the Hawaiian Islands are pointed out as the most important events in the history of the Nation.

CONFIDENCE GAMES ON THE HEN.—L. A. Reed, principal of the Milwaukee School, varies the monotony of teaching school by introducing a chicken and duck farm, and at his inclosure he has between 200 and 400 juvenile ducks and chickens. He placed several dozens of Pekin duck eggs under the hen, and in the time a whole swarm of queer little creatures pecked their way out of the shells, much to the astonishment as well as disgust of the mother hen. The ducklings thrived and grew rapidly, and one day last week they made for the pond in one corner of the lot. Then the mother hen was set nearly wild by seeing her family plunge into the water in spite of her warnings. She chided and pecked at the youngsters, but it did no good, and she gave up in disgust.

MILWAUKEE AVENUE NEEDS IMPROVEMENT.—The Seilwood Board of Trade will again wrestle this evening with the problem of the Milwaukee avenue improvement through to the city limits. Off and on for two years the board has had this question up, but never reached a satisfactory solution, owing mainly to the fact that it is part street and part county road. It is important that something should be done, as the travel is constantly on the increase. Nearly all travel from Clackamas County comes by the way of Milwaukee avenue, and complaint is very vigorous from farmers and others because of its bad condition and because the tracks of the Oregon and Pacific Railway Company are above the surface and almost prevent vehicles from crossing the road.

LEAVE FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE.—Rev. L. M. Booser, of the First United Evangelical Church, Rev. J. Lowersack, of the Second Church, and Rev. H. L. Pratt, preaching elder of Portland district, left for Hillsboro last evening to be present at the missionary meeting which convenes before the annual conference of the Oregon Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, East Tenth and Sherman, and perhaps the Second Church. He expects to speak in some of the other United Evangelical Churches in the state before he leaves for the East.

ANGORA GOATS AT ST. LOUIS FAIR.—John W. Fulton, of Helena, Mont., secretary of the American Angora Goatbreeders' Association, has passed through the city on his way to St. Louis, where he will be there tomorrow. Bishop H. B. Hartzler, D. D., of Harrisburg, Pa., is expected to pass through Portland today on his way to provide for the conference. At the close of the conference he will be at the First Church, East Tenth and Sherman, and perhaps the Second Church. He expects to speak in some of the other United Evangelical Churches in the state before he leaves for the East.

SHATTLE JUSTICE KNOWN IN PORTLAND.—Justice of the Peace J. H. Cann, who was forced to resign from the bench in Seattle because of alleged irregular dealings, was at one time an Oregon official. During the term of Governor Grover, 20 years ago, Cann was appointed secretary of the State Land Board at Salem, a position which he held until the administration was superseded by another. Afterward it was claimed there were some irregularities in the affairs of his office, as in others, but no charges were ever made formally. Cann then went to Seattle.

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PRESIDENT FRANKS Mrs. Woodcock.—Mrs. M. P. Woodcock has made it a point to send President Roosevelt clippings from Pacific Coast newspapers showing the estimation in which he is held in Oregon and has received a letter from William Leach, Jr., secretary to the President, acknowledging receipt of them and thanking her for her "kindly expressions."

IRON HAS AN ATTRACTION.—Frank McJuley and John Bagley were arrested at Eleventh and Flanders streets yesterday afternoon for larceny of iron braces used for construction work. John Bingham, the complainant, says the men have been carrying off various articles for some time past, and it is supposed they have been disposed of as old iron.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN.—A regular meeting of the Council of Jewish Women will be held this afternoon at 2:30, in the Waldy-Hirsch building. Mrs. E. W. Bingham will be the essayist, and Miss Edwina Mastick will be the soloist. Miss Mastick will sing the Sackaween Lullaby composed by Miss Zipporah Harris.

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 Monsieur Valois.....Louis Small
 Harry Sturtevant.....George Carroll
 Florence Jefferson.....Lewis Sherwood
 Anna.....Grace Barton

A mother's love is said to be the greatest of all loves, because it is so steadfast and disinterested. It is the kernel or central thought in the drama in four acts "The Greatest Thing in the World," presented last night at the Marquam Theatre by Rose Coghill and a capable company. The play shows the subtlety and fineness of a woman's hand, for the authors are Harriet Ford and Beatrice De Mille, and they have evolved a clean production in which not one scene or one word can be objected to. There is none of that risky problem play juggling so noticeable in portraiture presented not so very long ago by Rose Coghill and other stars. Miss Coghill in this present instance reaches a purer heights and really touches the heart, in showing what sacrifices and heartaches a widowed mother will endure for her erring son. Sidney Irving portrays this son, who is drunk at a dance given by his mother, and raises a check to a higher amount, rendering him liable to criminal prosecution. Through all this his mother works his reformation, and Miss Coghill was strong and convincing in her emotional work.

The comedy was well played by Paula Gloy, one of the best ingenues seen at the Marquam this season. Miss Gloy is an Illinois girl, has a perfectly modulated contralto voice, and she last appeared with Frank Daniels, Lynn Pratt and Louis Shea especially pleased with the strength of their character studies. "The Greatest Thing in the World" is worth seeing and will be played for the last time tonight at the Marquam.

Chamber Music Concert.

Quartet, Op. 23. A minor, allegro ma non troppo, andante, moderato, allegretto, allegro moderato (Franz Schubert); "Pavane" (Wagner-Willems); "Quintet" (Op. 13, No. 3, allegro moderato, scherzando, allegretto, adagio, finale, presto) (J. Haydn).

The third of the series of chamber music concerts given this season under the direction of William Wallace Graham took place last night at the Unitarian Chapel and was attended by an audience almost exclusively composed of women. The various numbers were very kindly received, the members of the string quartet being: William Wallace Graham, first violin; Mrs. Sherman D. Brown, second violin; Edna E. Courtenay, viola; Fritz Zilim, cello. Two quartets were played and the general ensemble effect was highly artistic, the tone color being pure and well balanced. Mr. Graham was the soloist and he played on his violin an elegant and almost prayerful paraphrase from "Pavane" from an arrangement by Wagner-Willems. This was the gem of the concert, and Mr. Graham never played better. He gave the music entirely from memory, a circumstance which added to the fine interpretation. The swelling, pulsing tones of that violin solo will gratefully linger in the memories of those present. Mr. Courtenay was an efficient accompanist.

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