# CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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**AMUSEMENTS.**

MARQUAM GRAND THEATER (Morrison st., bet. 6th and 7th)—Tonight at 8:15, Maude Adams in "The Little Minister."

CORDRAY'S THEATER—Evening at 8:15, "A Thoroughbred Tramp."

THE BAKER THEATER (Third and Yamhill)—Evening at 8:15, "Hoity Toity."

STAR THEATER (Park and Washington)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30 to 10:30 P. M.

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

ORPHEUM THEATER (Fourth and Stark)—Vaudeville matinee at 2:15 P. M., tonight at 8:30.

BIJOU THEATER (Sixth st., near Alder)—Continuous vaudeville from 2 to 10:30 P. M.

LYRIC THEATER (corner Alder and Seventh)—Continuous vaudeville from 2 to 10 P. M.

YOUNG LIVE BUFFALO SHOW AND Illustrated lecture, 23d and Washington sts.; matinee, 2:30 P. M.; evening, 7:45 sharp.

FISHERMEN HAVE POOR LUCK.—Fishermen are playing in hard luck this season, especially those who go out after black bass. A number of these were seen starting out Saturday afternoon, one of whom was carrying a regular Eastern live-bait can, but when interviewed yesterday, neither he nor any of the others reported catching a bass. Some tried their luck in Columbia Slough and others at Guild's Lake and a few at both places, but the result was the same everywhere—"the water is too high, the fish would not bite." One man had been told that bass were plentiful in the slough just above Salem. His informant stated that he had seen many fishing there and one of them had a string of over 30 bass which must have weighed fully three pounds each. This will sound to some like a fish story, but it will be difficult to disprove it. Trout fishermen also complain of poor luck Sunday. A party who went out Saturday to Gales Creek and other streams in Washington County, and slept in the open in Scoggin's Valley without a blanket, report that they did not catch a trout. One party who went away up Patton Creek caught 15 among them. Several report having seen a number of nice trout in deep pools, but it was an off day for them and they could not be tempted to take any lure offered them. The happiest trout fisherman heard of was a boy of about seven summers, whom an old fisherman out for a pleasure stroll through Macleay Park found fishing in a little pool away up Balch Creek. Wheif asked what he had caught he said he had only just begun fishing—the kinks were not out of his leader—but he opened his basket and proudly displayed a fine trout about six inches in length, remarking, "Ain't he a whale?" Twenty years or more ago many a nice string of trout used to be taken out of Balch Creek, Canyon Creek and other small streams near the city; but trout are few and far between in them now.

LONGEST DAY IN THE YEAR.—This is the longest day in the year, or is generally spoken of as the longest; but it would take an astronomer to tell how much longer or shorter it is than any day of the past week or the week to come. The sun has been rising a minute earlier for some ten days, and will be setting a minute later for a week or so. It was rising at 4:29, which is unreasonably early, and setting at 7:34. It will be some little time before the shortening of the days is perceptible; but the length decreases more rapidly as winter approaches. When there is a full moon at the time of the shortest days there comes near being no night at all. Byron, who missed mention of but few things, in speaking of the moon, said: "The devil is in the moon for mischief, I say." There is not a day, the longest, the 21st of June, sees half the business in a wicked way on which three single hours of moonlight shine.

GOVERNMENT POSITIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES.—The United States Civil Service Commission announces that the examination announced for teacher in the Philippines service, and also the examination for assistant in the Philippine service, including such positions as bookkeeping, finance, chemistry, civil engineering, electrical engineering and agriculture, have been postponed from June 22-23 to July 13-14, 1904, on which date the examinations will take place in this city. The salaries range from $900 to $1400. Persons wishing to compete should apply to Z. A. Leigh, secretary of the board of examiners, Postoffice, city.

AUGUST E. METER DIES SUDDENLY.—August E. Meyer, who had resided at South Mount Tabor for the past 18 years, died very suddenly at his home yesterday morning. He was 68 years of age. A short time ago Mr. Meyer fell from a tree and was severely bruised, and since then has complained of pains in his chest. When he arose yesterday morning he walked from his room to the kitchen, where he fell, and died in a few minutes. No inquest is considered necessary. A wife and several children survive him.

APPLES STILL IN MARKET.—Though the strawberry season is on the wane and green apples, apricots, peaches, cherries and other fruits and berries are becoming plentiful, Oregon apples of excellent quality and in good condition are still in fair supply on Front street and in retail markets, and are to be had for the very reasonable price of $1.75 per box. The Oregon apple is like the Oregon rose, unequaled, and both are to be had every month in the year.

REBUILDING GRAND AVENUE TRACK.—The City & Suburban Railway Company is rebuilding double track on Grand avenue south from Belmont street. One track at a time is being put down. The former light rails were welded together at the joints and had to be cut apart to remove them. These rails have been down ever since the line was built. The ones now being put down are of heavy steel.

PORTLAND ACADEMY.—Parents or students wishing to see one of the principals on reports, studies, or other school matters, may find Dr. Wilson at the Academy between 9 A. M. and 12 M. and 2 and 4 P. M. until July 1. It is desirable that all college entrance certificates be secured and forwarded promptly. *

REGULATOR LINE STEAMERS for The Dalles and way points leave daily (except Sunday), 7 A. M. Steamer Bailey Gatzert leaves Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; steamer Dalles City, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Alder-street dock. 'Phone Main 914. *

THROUGH some mistake the name of the Veteran Male Quartet was omitted from the Indian War Veterans' programme. They have kindly consented to be present and help entertain the people in their usual charming manner. *

AUNE, the Photographer, has returned from his Eastern and World's Fair visit made in the interest of modern photography. *

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THE City Primary S. S. Union will not meet again until Friday, Sept. 2. *

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WANT GARDENERS TO MOVE.—Several property-owners have requested The Oregonian to suggest to the city authorities the propriety and desirability of having the vegetable gardeners assemble mornings around the Market block instead of about the plaza blocks for the transaction of their business. From inquiry it is learned that there is no prospect of work on the proposed new market building being started very soon. The building has been delayed a long time on account of parties failing to come to the front with necessary bonds according to promise. The present market company expects to build a market, and some time ago the manager went to California to secure funds for the work. As he is there yet nothing definite is known as to when the work can be resumed. Members of the market company favor the idea of the vegetable men meeting at the Market block in the mornings, and thus relieving the vicinity of the plaza blocks of what many consider a nuisance. If in the future the erection of a market building is commenced the gardeners could move back to the plaza or elsewhere.

LAWN PARTY FOR PATTON HOME.—The lawn party which will be given next Friday afternoon and evening, June 24, at the home of Mrs. Theodore Nicolai, 493 Holladay avenue, corner of East Tenth street, will be for the benefit of the Patton Home. Elaborate arrangements have been made for this lawn party, and it promises to be one of the nicest social events of the week. Refreshments will be provided for those wishing them, and music will be a feature of the entertaining. The reception committee includes Mrs. John Watson, Mrs. Kendall, Mrs. H. W. Goddard, Mrs. Shannon, Mrs. Fullam, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. A. H. Willett, Mrs. Albright, Mrs. C. R. Davis, Mrs. Frederick Daly, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Donahoe. The music is under the arrangement of Mrs. John H. Burgard, assisted by Miss Minnie Ramsay and Miss Buelah Cadwell. Mrs. A. H. Willett, Mrs. E. J. Hall, Mrs. D. L. McLaughlin, Mrs. D. H. Rand, Mrs. George D. Green, Mrs. A. L. Rumsey, Mrs. Ed Martin, Mrs. F. Daly and Mrs. Frank Stowe will have charge of the different booths, with assistants.

"REUNION OF INDIAN WAR VETERANS.—Veterans of the Indian wars of Old Oregon will hold a reunion at Mulkey's Hall, Second and Morrison streets, today. About 200 of the veterans from all over the Oregon Country are expected to be in attendance. This number represents only about eight per cent of the survivors. The reunion will commence at 9:30 A. M. and will continue through the day. There will be addresses and a musical and literary programme will be given. The officers of the organization at present are: Commander, T. A. Wood; senior vice, William Stillwell; junior vice, Ralph Pledes; adjutant, Otto Kleeman; first assistant adjutant, Abel George; second, James Bruce; third, Silas Day; fourth, Samuel Stanton; paymaster, J. H. Milton; chaplain, W. D. Ewing; marshal, Patrick Malone; sergeant, H. D. Mount; captain of guard, John Storm. One of the interesting numbers of the programme will be songs by the Veterans' Quartet.

HIS FIRST VISIT TO PORTLAND.—Anson Rogers and wife, of Marshfield, Coos County, who have been in the city for the past week visiting their son-in-law, J. L. Bowman, of the Brownsville Woolen Mill Store, leave for home this morning. Mr. Rogers is a pioneer settler of Coos County, having located there in 1856. He is the owner of what is said to be the largest and finest dairy ranch in the state. It will probably surprise many to learn that this is his first visit to Portland; but business relations were established between Coos Bay and San Francisco at a very early day and are still to a large extent maintained. Mr. Rogers is, however, much pleased with Portland, which he finds to be a larger city than he had any idea of, and he is planning to make arrangements to do business here in the future.

CITY CANNOT INVEST IN BUFFALO.—As the Park Board has no funds at its disposal to buy animals for the City Park Zoo, if the admirers of the two buffalo recently on exhibition wish them to be added to the menageries they must subscribe for their purchase. Mayor Williams has talked the matter over with several people who want to see the bison remain in the city as a permanent attraction to the City Park, but his answer was the same to all. The Mayor appreciates the fact that buffalo are scarce and that a pair of fine-looking specimens would be a drawing card to the City Park next year.

MINISTERS NOT TO MEET IN SUMMER.—No further meetings of the Ministerial Association will be held until the first Monday of September. During the Summer months many of the ministers will be absent from the city on their vacations, and the meetings would consequently show a slim attendance. At an adjourned meeting of the association in the auditorium of the Young Men's Christian Association yesterday morning, a quantity of routine business was disposed of, and an order given not to meet until September, when the annual election of officers will be held.

NOT TRICKED BY TRIGG.—John E. Trigg, of Woodstock, says he did not trick Emma Talbert into marrying him, as she claims in her suit for $5000 brought in the Circuit Court recently. The marriage took place within six months from the time of her divorce from her former husband, and Trigg declares that she had been told by an attorney that such a wedding would not be legal, but that she married him regardless. He admits she was his housekeeper, but urges that she has already had value received. He says he will fight the suit.

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## WHERE TO DINE.

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### The Lyric.

The Lyric this week goes in strongly for comedy, and, considered as a whole, yesterday's bill is a little in advance of anything the management has attempted. The most interesting feature of its bill is the appearance of Dan Hart, the oldest minstrel on the stage, who does a brisk monologue and song turn which has a delightful flavor of old-fashioned blackface comedy. Hart, who belongs to the old school, the school of Billy Emerson, Dan Emmett and Jack Haverly, seems to have discovered the secret of perennial youth, for his work gives no hint of the 70 years to which he confesses. Kelly and Massy have a very funny sketch, "The Intruder," and they make the most of it. The Burks, jugglers, are marvels in their specialty, Frank Coulter sings a coon song in white-face and does some great soft shoe dancing, while Hub Bell made a hit in German comedy. Kennedy and Vernon give a comedy skit, "Says I to Mary Jane," in which Baby Vernon, a very cunning little girl, is featured. The vitascope has a funny showing of pictures introducing Buster Brown and his mischievous bulldog.

### Robbed by Strange Friends.

Too much whisky got the better of Soloman Keffer, of Glencoe, Or., Sunday night, and yesterday morning he reported to the police that he had been robbed of his money and a silver watch while enjoying his little spree. He says he was drinking with some strangers and went with them to their room, where he was touched for his watch. He gave a fairly good description of the place where he was robbed, and last night the detectives assigned on the case laid in wait for the thieves, but made no arrests.

Everybody going to the World's Fair should use the Denver & Rio Grande, the "Scenic Line of the World," either going or coming. See the Mormon Capitol, the Canon of the Grand, the Royal Gorge and Pike's Peak—God's art gallery of Nature.

# AMUSEMENTS

### Star Theater Opening.

Two audiences that crowded the new Star Theater to the utmost limit marked the opening of that handsome, up-to-date vaudeville house last night, and the bill is so entertaining and wholesome that it is worth 10 cents several times over. It was a record-breaking crowd, composed of some of the best people in the city, and no sooner had one show finished than the crowd waiting in the street again crowded the building for the second show. Seats were at a premium, and late-comers had to be content with standing room.

The Star Theater is without doubt one of the best-planned and best-looking vaudeville houses of its size in the United States. It is a triumph of theatrical experience and good taste. The interior is cool looking and roomy, and the house can be emptied in a remarkably short time because of wide aisles opening into a mass of exits. The arrangements for ventilation are such that the air is constantly being changed, and although the people crowded closely together it was not apparent that it was Summer weather outside. The walls and ceiling are a mass of pretty color, restful to the eye, and the upholstery work is rich in blended effects. The front of the house has a striking appearance in the evening, and the movable shining star and white searchlight find many admirers.

There is a capable orchestra in front of the stage, and every performer made good and was applauded. It's the best all-round show that Manager Cohn has yet given. "The Miser's Gold" is strikingly portrayed by the two Holdsworths, and Sadie Reynolds is one of the daintiest, most unassuming soubrettes heard this season. Her song, "I Did as I Was Told," is a gem. George Snyder has a splendid baritone voice and he made a hit with "Good Night, Beloved, Good Night." The Wells trio, Della and Fonda in club-swinging, Stansfield, the comedian and mimic; Delly and Sheen, singing and dancing comedians, and pictures flashed by the projectoscope make up the bill. The same show all week.

## "COURTSHIP IN JAPAN."

### Shields' Park Opens With Delightful Musical Comedy.

The Shield's Park musical stock company opened its season last night with the delightful two-act musical comedy, "Courtship in Japan." When it is taken into consideration that the performance was a first-night affair and virtually a dress rehearsal, the production must be voted the best musical show ever presented here at popular prices. It was remarkably smooth for a premier and needs very little pruning or revision. There are many good voices in the company, those of the chorus being especially sweet and fresh. The comedy is in clever hands, the ladies are good to look at and the costumes, stage settings and light effects all that could be desired.

The two numbers which stand out distinct and apart, and which scored the big hits last night, are "Some Day," duet and ensemble by Miss Forrest, Mr. Sawyer and the chorus in the first act, and "Navajo," sung by Mr. Fitgett and chorus in the second. Frances Venita Grey was very successful with her singing of "A Geisha's Life" and "Under the Anheuser Busch." In the latter Miss Grey wears a stunning gown and the "ponies" are very cute in Dutch costumes and wooden shoes. Marjorie Mandeville scored heavily in her song, "The Ragtime Chinaman," and Leon Errols topical "Nursery Rhymes" received a number of deserved encores. Fitgett, Errol and Gross, in the comedy character parts, were excellent. Harry Clinton Sawyer, who was cast as an English tourist with a lisp, is a handsome young man with a fine stage presence and a pleasing voice. Frances Grey and Elaine Forrest are beautiful women whose experience in more pretentious productions was plainly apparent in their work last night. Noma Bertillion was quite satisfactory as a Japanese Bowery girl, and in view of the fact that she had only rehearsed her part three days, is deserving of special commendation. Helen Lansing is a comedienne of much ability and contributed largely to the success of the piece. The Cardownie sisters, who are featured in the dances, proved altogether satisfactory.

The park has been much improved since last year. It holds more people and the new seating arrangement gives a better view of the stage. The audience was large and enthusiastic in its reception of the new production.

### The Arcade.

The myriad-membered Arcade crowd was loyal to that popular place of amusement yesterday afternoon and evening, and the usual large attendance gladdened the heart of the man that gathered in the shekels. Helen Trenville, operatic soprano, has a strong, expressive voice, which she uses to excellent advantage, and Myer and Mason sing well for a comedy team. The Prampins work hard in their line of musical surprises, which are excellent vaudeville features, and the Sheck Brothers, from the San Francisco Orpheum circuit, showed smart, clean, rapid acrobatic tricks. The Shecks are finely developed and work with the greatest ease. Their act is very interesting from a gymnasium standpoint. Kate Coyle shone in pictured melodies and got a glad welcome from her patrons. She is a cheerful performer, full of good humor and fun. Beunaley, the novelty foot juggler, showed a number of new and sensational tricks, and at once made good with the boys in the gallery. So much so, that some ambitious youths tried to repeat Beunaley's tricks when they got outside. The bioscope flashed entertaining pictures, and the whole bill this week hits the right spot.

### The Bijou.

If the rivalry among Portland's vaudeville theaters continues we are likely to see wonderful things in the "continuous" line. The Bijou this week has a real live prima donna in the person of Jean St. Remy, who does "fifteen minutes" of the most approved operatic trilling and warbling. She sang a pretentious aria yesterday, and for her encore did a simple little folk song, both of which were well received. The Le Noirs have a set of Marionettes, which do remarkable stunts and say remarkable things. The youngsters were enraptured with them, and oldsters were sufficiently amazed. Allman Brothers have a clever turn. Lulu Theis whistles her way into instant favor, and little Edna Foley sings "Always in the Way" delightfully to the accompaniment of moving pictures. Vocifero, the ventriloquist, is as wonderful as ever, and the other turns are fully up to the standard. But first, last and all the time the present offering of the Bijou is great because it introduces Jean St. Remy and first-class operatic singing to 10-cent vaudeville.

## ROBBED BY HIS ESCORT.

### Thief Pretended to Escort Victim Home, and Robbed Him En Route.

Escorted to the center of the Burnside-street bridge while partially intoxicated Sunday night and there robbed by his escort is the story Howard Garnier, 180 Grand avenue, related to the police yesterday morning. Garnier said he did not know who the man was that robbed him or how much money he had, if any, but he was positive that he had been robbed of his watch and chain. Detectives were assigned the case, but up to a late hour last night had obtained no clew of the thief's identity.

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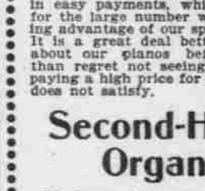


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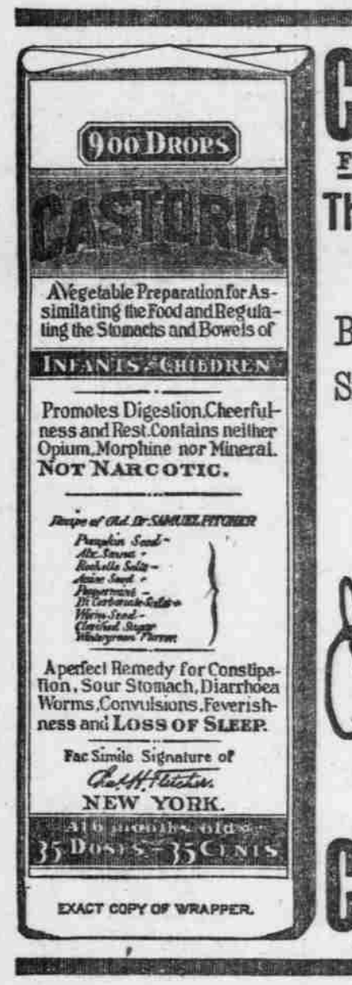


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