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AMUSEMENTS.

THE BAKER THEATER (Third and Yamhill)—Tonight at 8:15, the Baker Theater Company in "The Prince of Liars."

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

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

LYRIC THEATER (corner Alder and 7th)—Continuous vaudeville from 2 to 10 P. M.

SHIELDS' PARK (Thirteenth and Washington)—Tonight at 8:15, Shields' musical comedy company in "Yvette." Rainy nights at Cordray's Theater.

STAR THEATER (Park and Washington)—Continuous vaudeville, 3 to 10:30 P. M.

PLAZA (opposite Courthouse)—Tonight at 8 P. M., concert by Brown's Park Band.

COMPLETING BIG WATER MAIN.—A crew of men are completing the 14-inch water main to the old pumping station in Lower Albina. This main has been laid from the brow of the bluff at the north end of the Southern Pacific Company's switching ground on East First street to Hawthorne avenue, and thence to Larrabee street, thence north to Loring street in Lower Albina. As soon as the north end of the pipeline is completed work will start at the Southern Pacific switching ground, when the main will be laid along East First street to a connection with the main which now ends at East Couch, and thus finish the lower service circuit. Fire hydrants are being placed at close intervals along this pipeline. This main with its numerous hydrants affords largely increased fire protection to the district through which the pipe is laid, and completes the circuit with the main through Upper Albina. A six-inch main is being laid on Carl street, between Milwaukie and East Twentieth streets, and fire hydrants are being placed every few blocks, beginning at the intersection of Milwaukie and Carl streets.

A CLASH OF AUTHORITY.—Assistant Quartermaster-General John E. Mayo and Assistant Adjutant-General John E. Mayo, G. A. R., for the Department of Oregon, who are one and the same person, are reported to be having a serious clash in the transaction of department business. The friends of both say it is the result of electing two irritable men of the same temperament, same nature, same age and same name for the offices. The Adjutant said yesterday that he made a requisition on the Quartermaster, and the latter refused pointblank to fill it, claiming it was a needless expense. There has arisen a good deal of acrimonious correspondence between the two officers over the incident. The Quartermaster says he hopes the affair will be kept out of the papers. A special committee composed of C. J. Ward, M. L. Pratt, J. A. Newell, John W. Ogilbee and I. McGowan has been appointed to reconcile the differences between the two officers and settle the dispute. If this committee does not succeed they may have to call in the assistance of the Council of Administration.

MINISTERS OFF FOR VACATION.—Rev. Andrew J. Montgomery, of the Third Presbyterian Church, leaves this morning with his family for Trout Lake, near Mount Adams. He will be joined Wednesday by Rev. Henry E. Marcotte, of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, and the two will take their vacation of a month together. John Teuscher, of the St. Johns school, and wife, leave for Trout Lake today. Rev. L. E. Rockwell, presiding elder of the Portland district, and wife, have gone to Government Camp to spend several weeks. Rev. D. A. Thompson, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, will go to Trout Lake about the middle of August to spend a month there. Rev. P. J. Green, of the Memorial Evangelical Church, and family have gone to the Eagle Creek country, Clackamas County, where they will spend several weeks. Rev. William E. Randall, of the Central Baptist Church, does not expect to take a regulation vacation, but the church has dispensed with the evening services for the next three weeks, which will relieve the strain somewhat.

MILWAUKIE HAS WATER.—The new water plant for Milwaukie is completed, and water has been turned into the mains. Nearly every family within reach has tapped the new mains and is now supplied from the plant. The water is of good quality and is said to be abundant. Two-inch fire hydrants are placed along Main and other streets for fire protection, although as yet the city has not provided hose. Altogether there are 7000 feet of pipe laid, the longest line being laid to the home of J. Knight, about 2000 feet. A turbine wheel furnishes power for the pump, and water is forced into a 15,000-gallon tank 45 feet above the pump, or 85 feet above Main street. There will be force enough to carry water to the second story of the Milwaukie schoolhouse. The cost of the works was about $3000. One result is that wells are being discontinued as fast as possible. B. O. Fisch, C. Kerr and others are promoters of the enterprise. They have agreed to sell to the city at any time after five years if the people vote to purchase the plant.

DEATH OF THAD. F. FISHER.—The death of Thad. F. Fisher occurred at McMinnville on Friday, July 29. Mr. Fisher had been in poor health for the past year, and although those who knew him best were worried over his condition, yet no great alarm was felt. The telegram announcing his sudden death by paralysis of the brain was a severe blow to his wife and friends. Mr. Fisher had been a resident of Portland for nearly 15 years and had resided at 165 East Thirty-third street. He was a man of earnest endeavor, a true and loyal friend and bore the respect of all who knew him. His funeral was held at the family residence at 3 P. M. Sunday, Rev. W. H. Selleck officiating, under the auspices of the Woodmen of the World, of which order he was a prominent member. The interment was in the family lot at Lone Fir Cemetery.

PICNICS AT COUNCIL CREST.—The woods below Council Crest were filled with picnickers yesterday afternoon and evening. Portland Heights cars were filled to overflowing and the shekels poured into the coffers of the street railway company. The exodus from the city began at an early hour in the morning and continued until dark. Innumerable parties spread their lunch on the sward and romped through the woods in search of shade. The soft breezes that were wafted through the woods tickled the fancy of the picnickers and caused them to forget the heat and dust. Hundreds rode around the new loop and hundreds wandered to the Crest, from which they looked longingly to the snowy summit of Mount Hood, which stood in bold relief against the Eastern sky.

DISRUPT TELEPHONE SERVICE.—Yesterday afternoon while repairing a leak in company's main on Front and Oak streets, workmen employed by the Portland Hydraulic Elevator Company broke into the conduit enclosing the subriver cable which connects the central telephone offices of the east and west sides of the city, and put the East Side office out of communication with the main office on the west side of the river. The conduit damaged contained one of the telephone trunk lines, composed of 150 pairs of cables. Workmen were put to work on the break at once, and by working all of last night will be able to have the two offices connected by noon today, it is hoped. Until that time the service between the two parts of the city will not be of the best.

FOR RENT.—Two good outside rooms; vault, hot and cold water; call Supt., 301 Oregonian building. *

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DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN MUSICIAN.—One of the best-known musicians in Western Oregon, and an excellent clarinet player, Peter Damphoffer, 46 years old, died yesterday morning at his home at the northwest corner of Third and Burnside streets, from Bright's disease, after six weeks' illness. He was born at The Dalles, and for 12 years was a musician in the United States Army, being well remembered as a member of the Twenty-first United States Infantry Band. For a period he was stationed at Vancouver Barracks, in which town he was married, 27 years ago, to Miss Ella Quigley, who survives him, along with two married daughters, Mrs. Harry Linley and Mrs. Ed Wynoop. Mr. Damphoffer has played for 29 years in nearly every theater orchestra in Portland, where he was much esteemed for his many good qualities. The funeral will take place at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning from Finlay & Son's undertaking parlors, Third and Madison streets.

OLD LADY THROWN FROM CAR.—Mrs. B. E. Lanning, aged 75, who resides at 243 Fifth street, was painfully injured by slipping and falling from a street-car at the corner of Third and Yamhill streets at 10:30 o'clock last night. No one present was able to tell exactly how the accident happened, and Mrs. Lanning herself stated that she did not know exactly what caused her to fall, but it is supposed she attempted to leave the car just as the signal was given to go ahead. She was thrown heavily to the pavement and momentarily stunned. At first it was supposed that her injuries were serious. Dr. A. C. Panton was called, and after an examination ordered the patient removed to the Good Samaritan Hospital. It was found there that while the injuries were painful they were not serious. Though Mrs. Lanning was badly bruised no bones were fractured, and it is not thought that she suffered internal injuries.

ARRESTED FOR SPITTING ON SIDEWALK.—Yesterday evening at 6 o'clock J. W. Shores stood upon the corner of Third and Burnside streets and spat with deliberation. Across the street Officer Roberts stood in a doorway and watched the lawbreaker. Shores spat again, and the microbes began to spread themselves over the sidewalk. Officer Roberts wandered over to where Shores was spitting and told him to desist. Shores went to answer the officer, and he had to spit before he could do so. The next thing Shores knew he was being given a swift ride to Chief Hunt's hotel. Judge Hogue will take evidence from the microbes this morning.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.—The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on August 31 an examination will be held in this city for the position of bookkeeper in the reclamation service of the geological survey, at a salary of $2000 per annum. Persons desiring to compete will call on Z. A. Leigh, Postoffice Department, city.

"NUTLARD." What is it?

CROWDS LOOP THE LOOP.

Thousands Ride Over New Line to Portland Heights.

"Please take the next car," was the cry of the conductors on the Portland Heights line yesterday, and every time that call was given the conductor was in the right. Thousands of people paid their 10 cents to ride over the new line, and in each instance they were satisfied and wondered how any system of electricity could carry them to the pinnacle of the hills which overlook the city.

Every car which proceeded toward the west during the day carried its full complement of passengers and as night came on the outside of the buffer was used by men who were anxious to make the trip. Every car was filled to its capacity, and the Portland girl without her hat was in evidence. She was there with her father, mother, brother and sister, and in every case the nickel was paid in order that she might see the city by sunlight or under the glare of the electric.

One car in particular was crowded and upon the rear platform was a visitor from Los Angeles. That individual could not restrain himself when the Heights were reached and the city lay practically at his feet. This is what he said:

"I have always supposed that Los Angeles could beat anything on the Pacific Coast, but this does us up. Why anyone would want to go to Switzerland when they can get a view like this I can't understand, but I suppose they were the same as I was, and did not know that they could get as good scenery right here as they can abroad."

Whether the pretty, hatless Portland girls caused the visitor from Los Angeles to proclaim his feelings openly, only those who have made the trip over the new line can say. Some who have gone over the new route and looped the loop kick because they cannot have a whole car to themselves. They all admit that that is the only kick they can make.

While no positive statement could be secured from the railroad officials last night regarding the number of passengers who patronized the new loop, it is safe to say that fully 7000 people rode over the line yesterday and last night. Every car which passed along the new line was carefully looked after by the conductors and motormen, all of whom were old hands, and in many instances the safety system, by derailing, was explained. Portland Heights will be a greater attraction from now on than it ever was, and the hatless girl will be a feature on every car that climbs the hill and runs into the cool breeze that blows while the electric lights glimmer at the feet of the sightseer.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Nellie Fawcett will return to Portland today, from a three weeks' outing at Newport.

Dr. C. L. Large has returned to Forest Grove, after a week's stay at the Irvin house at Nye Creek.

The engagement is announced of Miss Anne Talk, of Boise, Idaho, to S. M. Rothchild of this city.

WHERE TO DINE.

All the delicacies of the season at the Portland Restaurant; fine, private apartments for parties, 305 Wash., near 6th.

As Mr. Taffe Sees It.

CELILO, Or., July 29.—(To the Editor.)—I noticed in your issue of yesterday where Attorney-General Crawford found out and informed the Hon. George H. Williams that I, H. Taffe was owing him (Williams) either $3000 or $5000 and that Mr. Williams held a mortgage to that amount which Mr. Crawford would like to have settled to enable the state officials to confiscate the property. I did borrow $5000 from Mr. Williams in 1886 to buy the land which the state officials and their numerous stool-pigeons publish as being worthless and belonging to the state, but I paid the amount borrowed, which, now, I hope, will ease their pain on that score. Now, if the state officials and their political strikers would devote a little more time to the opening of the river in the way of a portage and less to Taffe's mortgages, doubtless the taxpayers, who about two years ago contributed their money for that purpose and that alone, might expect to live long enough to see the portage finished, which could be done inside of six months if in proper hands.

I. H. TAFFE.

FINE ST. LOUIS SERVICE.

New Sleeping-Car Arrangement Made by the O. R. & N.—Low Rates.

St. Louis Fair visitors will be interested in knowing that the O. R. & N. has inaugurated a daily through standard sleeping-car service to that city, passengers arriving there in the morning.

August 8, 9, 10, September 5, 6, 7, October 3, 4, 5, the O. R. & N. will sell 30-day return trip tickets to St. Louis for $67.50; to Chicago, $72.50. Stopovers allowed going and returning. Particulars of C. W. Stinger, city ticket agent, Third and Washington.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth,

Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and diarrhoea.

AMUSEMENTS

"The Prince of Liars."

Arthur Hummingtop	Guy Standing
Ralph Omerod	Charles Mackay
Joshua Gillibrand	Howard Russell
Dobson	Frederick Esmelton
Mrs. Hummingtop	Ethel Hepburn
Mrs. Gillibrand	Marie Boland
Daisy Maitland	Lou Power
Rose Colombier	Dallas Tyler
Barbara	Roy Bernard

For the closing week of the Baker Campany's Summer engagement "The Prince of Liars," one of Sydney Grundy's brightest farcical comedies, was selected. It gave entire satisfaction at two performances yesterday, and provides the company with a good vehicle for the last week of its stay in Portland. The play is light, decidedly so. It was written with a view of crowding the greatest possible number of laughs into a given time, and in the present hands, the aim of the playwright seems realized. It has a suspicion of motive, simply to show again that we weave a very tangled web when first we practice to deceive.

Guy Standing has more of the center of the stage this week than in any former production. As Hummingtop, the versatile and dexterous liar, who sets out to deceive his wife, all his friends and a shrewish mother-in-law, he is irresistibly funny. It is the "fat" part of the play and Standing makes the most of his many opportunities. Ralph Omerod, his friend and confidant, played by Charles Mackay, affords considerable scope for Mr. Mackay's splendid light comedy talents. Howard Russell, as a horsy young reprobate with a penchant for three-star brandy, is excellent, and his make-up shows positive genius. The small part of Dobson, the butler, is assigned to Frederick Esmelton, who does it well enough.

Dallas Tyler, as the "India-rubber girl," gives us another of her delightful impersonations of the not overly harmful adventuress. Her acting of the part contributes largely to the success of the performance.

As a mischief-making mother-in-law of the type familiar in fiction and, alas! also in fact, Marie Boland scores a personal hit. The temptation to overact such characters is great, but Miss Boland avoids the pitfall and does just enough. Her Mrs. Gillibrand is the kind of mother-in-law who strides through the domestic arrangements of many a Portland household. Ethel Hepburn and Lou Power, both talented and promising recruits, are doing commendable work and Roy Bernard's bit is admirable. "The Prince of Liars" will run through the week and a special matinee performance of "Little Lord Fauntleroy" will be given Wednesday.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

The Star's New Acts.

Today at the Star Theater will be two matinees, at 3 and 4 P. M., beginning this week's all-star bill. Hugh J. Emmett, the world-famous entertainer, who has trotted around the world displaying his marvelous powers as a ventriloquist. A striking moving picture film will show the "Great Train Robbery," showing armed robbers plundering a train and the sensational pursuit by a Sheriff's posse. Comedy, music and dancing make the programme weary. To see a great bill in coolness and comfort is the privilege of the Star's patrons this week.

New Bill at the Arcade.

"The man with a thousand faces under one hat" will be the headliner at the Arcade's new bill that starts today. He is the great Weston, the famous mimic, who one minute presents the gloomy face of Napoleon and in another second is the smiling Irish policeman that walks a New York beat. Another great feature is the bioscope's moving pictures of The Picket winning the famous $20,000 Brooklyn handicap. Arcade patrons will get even a better view of the race than the 50,000 patrons who paid from 50 cents to $5 to witness it. The other acts present entertaining musical and comedy acts up to the Arcade's high standard.

Special "Fauntleroy" Matinee.

Hundreds of disappointed ladies and little children could not get seats at the Baker for last Saturday's matinee of "Little Lord Fauntleroy," and that everyone may still have an opportunity to see this most beautiful and touching play, Manager Baker decided to give a special performance, which will occur Wednesday afternoon at the usual matinee hour and prices. Seats are now on sale and should be secured at once.

Today at the Lyric.

This afternoon the new Lyric bill will be inaugurated with a fine offering of vaudeville. The highest-priced acts now touring the country have been secured without reference to expense and the result is that the Lyric makes another mighty stride forward. The big feature of the week will be Professor Bylick's troupe of performing seallions, admitted everywhere to be the greatest trained animal company in the world. These marvelous animals do almost incredible feats of juggling and play musical instruments with the skill and dexterity of human performers. The other acts are all funny up to the high Lyric standard.

"Olivette" Tonight at Shields.

The new week at Shields' Park will open tonight with an up-to-date version of the famous comic opera success "Olivette." For the occasion an entirely new equipment of special scenery has been provided. The costumes will be the finest obtainable and the electrical effects novel and brilliant. The best of the comedy in the old piece has been retained and much that is more modern added. The same is true of the beautiful musical numbers and the interpolated songs are the latest Eastern hits. It will be a lavishly beautiful production and represents Producer Zinn's best efforts.

New Bijou Bill Today.

This afternoon the first performance of the Bijou's big new bill will be presented. The Golden West trio present "The Great Diamond Robbery," a famous sketch, well staged. For the rest of the bill there are startling novelties, graceful dancing, two famous acrobats and plenty of fun and merriment. The vitascope shows a Spanish bull-fight.

QUESTION OF JUSTICE.

Rev. John A. Ryan Casts Light on Trouble of Capital and Labor.

Rev. John A. Ryan, of the St. Paul Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., preached at St. Mary's Cathedral yesterday morning on "Some of the Ethical Phases of Labor Unionism." He said in part:

"What is somewhat vaguely called the 'Labor Question' is fundamentally a question of justice. It concerns the right distribution of the joint product of labor and capital. All fair-minded persons believe that the laborer and the capitalist ought to get a fair return for their services to industry, a fair return, not the utmost that they can secure by the exertion of such economic force as they possess. And although the difficulty of deciding what is a fair wage and a fair profit is often great, it is not insurmountable. It is clear, at least, that the laborer has a right to a decent living for himself and family, and that the employer has a right to a fair rate of interest and to a fair profit. And in nine cases out of ten a jury of competent and disinterested men would readily agree concerning the rates of interest and profits that are fair and just. The difficulty is that the opposing parties in industrial disputes too often strive to get all that they can, not all that is right.

"As to labor organizations, these are legitimate so long as their purpose is to obtain just wages and other fair conditions of employment, but they act unjustly when they attempt to secure wages that will not allow of a fair profit to the employer. The characteristic methods of unionism, such as the strike, the boycott, the closed shop are all legitimate within due limits, but not in all circumstances, and when pushed to extremes. For example, a strike should never be called until a peaceable means of adjusting a dispute has been tried, and then only when the laborers are right in their contention. The boycott is wrong when it is directed against outsiders who have no personal interest in the dispute, and who are in no way to blame for the injustice suffered by the laborers. The closed shop is a justifiable method whenever the employer—as frequently happens—would use the open shop as a means to supplant unionists by nonunionists, or when he would use his nonunionist employes as a club to beat down the wages of the whole group. No rights are violated in the closed-shop regime, for the unionist undoubtedly has the right to refuse to work with a nonunionist, and vice versa.

"If all men, laborers, employer and the general public would realize that the labor question is at the bottom a question of justice, and that, like all other questions of justice, it is many-sided and complex, and if all would strive to consider, to discuss and to adjust particular industrial disputes in the light of these two facts, nine-tenths of the strikes would be avoided and 90 per cent of the present bitterness between capital and labor would disappear."

MAYOR MUST SIGN DEED.

Aberdeen Council Had the Right to Sell City Property.

MONTESANO, Wash., July 31.—(Special.)—In the mandamus proceedings brought by K. Zelasko, to have the Court order Mayor West, of Aberdeen, and the City Clerk, sign a deed to the lot which the City Council had sold to said Zelasko, and when the Mayor had refused to execute the deed for the Court yesterday decided that the Mayor was acting simply as a ministerial officer, and was under the direction of the City Council in the matter; and as the Council had accepted the bid of K. Zelasko for the property and directed that the Mayor and Clerk execute the deed, the Mayor and Clerk must follow the instructions of the Council and sign the deed.

The property in question was the lot on which the City Hall and Jail, which were burned in the Aberdeen fire of last December, had stood. The Council decided to sell that lot and buy another on Market street. The property was offered for sale, and K. Zelasko's bid was the highest and was accepted by the Council, who ordered a deed executed by the Mayor and Clerk. Mayor West refused to sign the deed, and Zelasko brought the proceedings to compel the execution of the deed with the above results.

Indications of Fish Run.

ASTORIA, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—The run of fish today shows some improvement over yesterday, although it is by no means large. The most hopeful sign is that the fish are entering by the north channel, and that is the way all the big runs come. The traps are doing better than at any previous time this season.

How the Associated Press Gets the News

Censors Are Bane of Correspondents' Existence, Says Paul Cowles

San Francisco Chronicle, July 26.

WEARILY pacing the Pacific Mail dock and saying things anent the United States customs not at all complimentary, was the picture presented by Paul Cowles, division superintendent of the Associated Press, who returned on the China yesterday. This is the same vessel on which Cowles left San Francisco for the Orient about five months ago for the purpose of organizing the Far Eastern staff of Associated Press war correspondents.

"I didn't see anything of the war," was the first statement made by Mr. Cowles. "I was near the Russian forces at one time, however, and that was when I was in Niu Chwang. I didn't go out to the Orient for the purpose of corresponding. My orders were to get in touch with all our men out there, and see that they were well supplied with the necessities of the campaign. I was in charge of the correspondents, and, from Shanghai, directed their movements. It was my idea, at first, to make Shanghai the base of operations; to have the correspondents wire everything to that point, and from there to piece together the different stories and send them on. We did not find this plan very satisfactory, however, and it was abandoned.

"We have men at each of the different points of interest, and several with both the Japanese and Russian armies. Of course we must maintain a large force of men out there, and cover every point from which news is likely to emanate, therefore I cannot say that our work is a failure. But, considering the enormous amount of money we are spending, the returns are very slight. It is not the fault of the men; they are all trustworthy, energetic fellows, selected especially for this kind of work. If it is possible to get any news they get it. This is difficult, considering the restrictions placed upon their movements. But the getting of the news is far from all the task. The censor must next be faced, and he cuts out of the dispatches anything he imagines reveals a military secret. It is surprising how many things are considered in this light. To briefly summarize, one might say that almost everything at all interesting comes under this head.

"The men in the field are a decided non-success. They work their hardest, but cannot get their news through. If they attempt to evade the censor they are sent back. Practically all our news comes from Tokio in the form of official dispatches. The men at the outlying ports—Chefoo, Tientsin, Shan Hai Kwan, etc., get only rumors. Sometimes these prove to be true, but generally they have taken form in the brain of some frightened Chinese.

"Most of my time was spent at Shanghai, but I made a trip to Chefoo, Tientsin and Niu Chwang for the purpose of looking over the situation. Everything was quiet at Niu Chwang. I do not believe the stories I read about fighting there. The Russians had few troops there, and did not intend to defend the town. American interests there were respected by the Russians, chiefly through the labors of Consul-General Henry B. Miller, who is undoubtedly the best consular officer in the East. He stands firmly for the rights of Americans, and does not hesitate to demand that they be treated as they would be in their own country. This is always done except in the cases of correspondents. They must stand to have their dispatches blue-pencilled by the censor, or they are sent away. This happened to one of our men, who was requested to leave Niu Chwang, and did so. There were only two correspondents in Niu Chwang when I left." Cowles will remain in this city, taking up his work as superintendent of the Associated Press here.

GOOD MUSIC AT CITY PARK

FREE BAND CONCERTS BECOMING MAIN SUNDAY ATTRACTION.

Big Crowd Escapes the Heat and Heartily Applauds the Excellent Work of Players.

Band Concerts This Week.

Monday evening, the Plaza.
Wednesday evening, Hawthorne Park.
Friday evening, Park and Columbia streets.
Saturday afternoon, City Park.

It was good to sit beneath the sheltering shade of the trees, casting their cooling shadow over the bandstand at the City Park, where Brown's Park Band played its prettiest yesterday afternoon. A big crowd was present, and this time showed increased interest in the concert, for the applause at the end of a favorite number was insistent and hearty. Many happy family parties were present, father, mother and children, glad to escape in a measure from the heat of the city and bask in the coolness of the park trees, and "listen to the music of the band," as the dialogue in "The Runaway Girl" has it. The audiences attending these band concerts are steadily improving in numbers and discernment, and they know what to applaud. At the same time, the playing of Brown's Reed Band is steadily improving, and it satisfies even the most fastidious, especially those people who take a delight in being hypercritical.

Yesterday afternoon the programme was the most varied, so far presented this season. The march, "Caesar's Triumphal," by Mitchell, was rendered with a fine swing, and in perfect time, and Reissinger's overture, "The Mill on the Cliff," was brilliantly played. B. F. Driscoll's cornet solo, Hartmann's "Facilite," was much enjoyed because of the pure tone emitted and the excellent phrasing. The solo was warmly encored, and Mr. Driscoll responded with an operatic selection. He is rapidly becoming a favorite with the crowd.

Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana" was very welcome, and the "Intermezzo" especially so, because of the delicate, lace-like shading and prompt attack. One of the striking numbers of the afternoon was a trombone quartet by Messrs. Brown, Miller, Whan and Winnerstrom, entitled "Sweet and Low" (Barnby). This is one of the greatest part songs ever written in any language, and it was a great treat to hear it played by a trombone quartet. The tone was even and well balanced, and the expression satisfactory. This quartet ought to play again, for their good work is sure to be enjoyed. "The Dawn of Love," by Bendix, contains some exquisite coloring, and this was well brought out by Conductor Brown. Of course the excerpts from De Koven's "Robin Hood" were more than enjoyed. The multitude never tires of such gems as "Brown October Ale," "O, Promise Me," and "The Tinkers' Song," and the band did them full justice. It played with a swing and dash that comes from long practice, under a capable conductor.

Band Concert Tonight.

The programme for tonight's concert at the Plaza follows:

March—"Conciliator" ..... Scouton
Waltzes—"Wedding of the Winds" ..... Hall
Overture—"Beautiful Galatea" ..... Suppe
"Russian Carriage Song" ..... Thornton
Scenes from "King Dodo" ..... Luders
New Flower Song, "Hearts and Flowers" ..... Tobani
Ragtime Two-Step—"Funny Folks" ..... Powell
Medley of Popular Airs ..... De Witt
Idyl—"The Mill in the Forest" ..... Ellenberg
Cake Walk—"Peaceful Henry" ..... Haines
Charles L. Brown, Conductor.

Chicago Minister at Hood River.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—Rev. Fred Alban Weil, of the Third Unitarian Church, Chicago, preached to a large congregation in the First Unitarian Church at Hood River this morning. Mr. Weil was recently graduated from the Theological Seminary at Meadville, Pa., and is now visiting the family of Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Eliot, at their country home in Hood River. Mr. Weil spent last Summer as minister of the Unitarian Church here.

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