BUILDINGS TO COST \$70,000

Two New Apartment-Houses Are to Be Erected_Many Large Structures Are Under Way, and Others Near Completion.

Though the greater part of the new buildings of the year are now almost com-pleted, new structures are being comenced despite the approach of Winter.

The Multnomah Trunk & Box Factory yesterday took out a building permit for a new plant on the Macadam road at the foot of Bancroft avenue. One building is already completed, and two more are under construction. The entire new plant, erected to replace that destroyed by the fire of May 12, will cost \$70.00. There will be more buildings than in the former plant, though the capacity will be about

The veneer building is finished and the sawmill and the box factory are under way. There will also be a dry kiln, trunk factory an office and a barn. A dock, 100x200 feet, has also been built. A building permit for two three-story

apartment houses at the northwest corner of Fifteenth and Everett streets was issued to the Wellington Company yesterlsy. Every few days announcement is nade of more apartment houses and flats. The roof is being piaced upon the three-

The roof is being placed upon the three-story brick building at the southeast cor-ner of Seventh and Oak streets, erected by the Fred T. Merrill Company. This is the inspect building on the Pacific Coast de-signed especially as an automobile garage. Excavation will soon be made for the new building of S. Morton Cohn on Sixth street, between Washington and Stark, the ground occupied for many years by the ground occupied for many years by the low frame building used for the Mer-rill cyclery. A substantial three-story brick structure is to be erected.

The Penton building on Sixth street, between Oak and Pine, is completed with the exception of interior finishings. This the exception of interior finishings. This structure, a six-story brick, went up in record time. Further up Sixth street the Brown building is progressing slowly. This is the first building in the city in which modern steel frame construction has been used. After many days work is again being pushed on the Postoffice building.

At Fifth and Taylor streets the brick huliding of the Portland Art Association shows almost the entire first floor. Every detail of construction is intended to make the structure as lasting and durable as well as ornamental as possible.

Construction of the S. A. Arata building on Sixth street, near Oak, is going for-ward. A. G. Long's building on Fifth street, near Couch, is nearing completion. Dr. E. L. Payker's hotel building at West Park and Morrison streets now requires only the inside finishings. The north half of the big seven-story Weinhard block will soon be ready for the tenant wife, has leased the entire half-block.

HERE YOU ARE AGAIN.

The Present Order Doomed to Ex-

tinction Within Ten Years. LTLE, Wash., Sept. 21.—To the Diltor.)—
In view of your editorial in Friday's (September 9) Oragonian entitled, 'The Essence of Socialism,' we Socialists ask for our say in the matter again. As I said in my former article, it is almost impossible, if not so, for a eapitalist with a capitalistic mind to appreciate or understand the working class, especially the wage laborers. To understand and appreciate Socialism a person will have to know LTLE, Wash., Sept. 21 .- , To the Dittor.)cially the wage laborers. To understand and appreciate Socialism a person will have to know and understand the wants, desires and the and understand the wants, desires and the necessities of the laborers, with the causes that underlie their general moral, intellectual and physical make-up. One who accounts the laborers as mere eatile to make profits for their cannot comprehend a principle or programme that comes from them, because his class interest, as effect follows cause, blind him to the rightfulness and practicability of what we workers demand. To the capitalist the very their particular form of society is threatened, to him it is the threatening of all so-clety. No doubt because they are the people and the working class are mules to pull their loads and bear their burdens. To rightly understand this subject, Mr. Capitalist, we will have to go back to the beginning of capitalism, which began when one myage with the biggest stick (an aboriginal Roosevelt) struck down another man with a smaller stick and compelled him through sheer brute force to pro-duce the things upon which he thrived, but for which the slave starved, went naked and cold his master so dictated, as you do to you working trules, the wage laborers. Now, this was the beginning and is the essence of capitalism, mere might, and it has not in principle changed an lota or ever will; only adapted itself to a more thorough scheme of phunder the wage system. Now, Mr. Capitalier, and Mr. Workingman, also, can you not get it through your head that a system that originated in brute force and requires sheer economic might to maintain itself cannot be right or good for those at least over whom you capital-lets ride? But, Mr. Capitalist, we flocialists declare it a tissue of lies to say that a "So-cialist is one who, if he could prevent every other person from being or becoming rich or prosperous or from having more property or prosperous or from having more property or better conditions then sayone size, would not only soccupt for himself humble and even meager conditions of life, but would willingly cut himself off from the hope of acquiring property and of living on a higher plane." We do not protest against an inequality or wealth, property or prosperity, if make by yourselves, but that you capitalists use us workingmen to make this wealth and prosperity for you, while you live from our labor, have all your grand state from our labor, are enabled to propagate deceive and him behind lies by our labor, and not only that, but such things mean our carlavement as a class while things mean our enslavement as a class while we can hope but for "humble and meager con-ditions of life" and are cut off from the hope of having property or living on a higher plans. or naving property or living on a higher plane.

Mr. Capitalies, that state of yours seems to
trouble you mightily. And no wonder, for your
own soul is often pursied about your creation,
but which serves you as a policeman's (spiked)
club to compel the submission of the workers.

A fearful and wonderful thing is your capitalist state that rules over the people, yet is not
of the people, but has its seat in some transcendental heaven (7) of capitalistic law. No,
that is not the kind of a state that we were the that is not the kind of a state that we want to

What we demand we emphasize, as you ad-

What we demand we emphasize, as you admit, is democratic ownership and control. But strange, Mr. Capitalist, that it should be so "obvious" to you that such would mean that mean would lie down as swine and never stir when they knew that production depended upon them, and they could not get the means of livelihood by the shell-game tricks played to day. To us Socialists it is equally obvious that with the means of production in our hands we could produce more and better, for it would be ours, while joint ownership would in no way affect a man's inclinations or tartes or detract from his labor power. No. Mr. Capitalist, if the ordinary man is loathe to work it is because under capitalism he is more often a slave, and freemen will always fight better and work better. Beddes you have taught men everywhere that it is possible to get along without work by some graft and such ways are more homorable than manual labor. The people, as they are, are a product of your system of preduction, and to us Socialists is the work of reaching the people, from the least to great. of teaching the people, from the least to great. dis

TO REBUILD PLANT

est, the truth, and building a social system on that, truth, that labor and labor alone creates all wealth and they are thieves and robbers who try to climb up some other way. But our confidence resis in the aroused workers when they have abolished capitalism and inaugurated the co-operative commonwealth, they will solve all probleme of labor and production on a basis of justice and good.

But before closing this letter, Mr. Capitalist, we will ask you a few questions which we are annious to hear you a newer, or ever after stand convicted of error:

First—Does labor create all wealth?

Boond—Did not the capitalist system originate in the fact that men or claus or tribes and by home overpower other men or claus or tribes and by home overpower other men or claus or tribes.

of men overpower other men or clans or tribes and by brute force compel them to labor for

them?

Third-Does not modern capitalism depend upon the private ownership of the land and tools of production in order to compel the workers to labor for the owners of such capital? And is not such sheer economic brute force saying to the dispossessed workers, you take my terms, support me by your labor, for I hold the means of life by which you obtain a living, or starve?

living, or starve?

Fourth—Are not more and more of the workers being dispossessed of all private capital today? And is not espital accumulating in fewer and fewer hands in proportion to the

Fifth-Is not the trust the final form of capi-alism? And have they not in many industries eliminated competition and do they not, where found, finally so do? This being so, will they not finally swallow all private capital and at last form one great trust for the benefit of the capitalist owners? This accomplished, will not capitalist society go to the bow-wows in less than ten years?

Sixth—if, as you capitalists contend, that to-day labor is but a commodity to be bought and

soid, what interest has the laborer but to re-ceive the price of his commodity—his wages? Seventh—If you withhold the possibility from the laborers of getting the means of living except through serving you by your ownership of capital, do you not make us your siaves? Bighth—Does not the above establish the fact of a class-struggle (as admitted by the late Senator Hanna) between the capitalist class

and the working class? Ninth—Have not all men a free right to the means of living—that is, the earth? Tenth—Is avarice the basis of human exstence or love?

Elevanth—The sixth and seventh propositions, if true, will not your class, when they would, by the inevitable trend of modern capitalism, own all the capital of the world, make of the

own all the capital of the world, make of the workers a class, more than ever today, working auder your direction "doing time" in a condition between slavery and penalism?

Twaitth—Do you think we workers would stand for that when we are the great majority?

No, though you capitalisis try to throw dust in our eyes and bilind us to the real situation, it is because we Socialists do know what we want and do fearlessly, clearly and openly state our demands, inviting all men to see and understand that we are growing in numbers and are awakening and uniting the workers to capture the powers of government and take the tools and means of production into the hands of all the people, that no one of the children of men may be dispossemed, but all may have the opportunity to rise, free from the ourse of capitalism, to freedom, righteousness and fellowship. To this end we sound our battle care. ness and fellowship. To this end we sound our battle cry. "Workers of the world units; you have nothing to lose but your chains; you have a world to gain." W. I. FISHER.

This letter adds nothing to the subject except farther confusion of ideas. We have desired to be fair to our Socialistic friends, and have printed more letters from them, perhaps, than could be justified; at any rate, we shall ask them to be content if we cannot find room for more at present.

WILL INVESTIGATE ROADS.

Multnomah County Grange Also Recommends County Exhibit at Fair.

At the quarterly session of Mulinomah County Pomona Grange, Patrons of Hus-bandry, held Thursday in the hall of Columbia Grange, east of the Sandy River, Mulinomah County road affairs were discussed, and it was decided that the Grange road committee should make a thorough investigation of the subject. The

rightfulness and practicability of what we workers demand. To the capitalist the very existence of society depends upon his class rule, for they in their minds are society, and rection of getting up exhibits, with the assistance of their County Courts, and Pomona decided that Multnomah County

should do likewise. All the Granges of the county were rep resented at the meeting, over 100 being present. Master A. B. Gates presided. Evening Star's coming fair was strongly recommended and each Granger in the county was urged to send in an exhibit. A class of 15 was given the fifth degree. Delegates were entertained by Columbia Grange in its handsome hall and quartered for the night in the homes of the

TO FORM BOND OF UNION.

Purpose of Portland People in Going to Yakima and Walla Walla Fairs.

of the Washington people that the excur-sions run from Portland are for the pur-pose of winning away from Washington towns the trade of the Walla Walla and North Yakima districts. This is denied, however, by the mon managing the trips, who say that nothing further than a wish to become better acquainted prompts the journey. The Parland commercial bodies wish to cement the friendship of the people of the Northwest for the good of the Northwest in business and commercial lines.

If the section is to be advanced and people drawn here from the East, it is no sary to have harmony and unity of purpose and effort. This desire is causing the trips—the wish to become better acquainted for the co-operative work of the future, not a petty desire for business ascendency. that is not the kind of a state that we want to own our industrial productive agencies. It might take freaks of "overproduction," "lack of confidence," and other games among which would be chronic would be a capitalistic beaurocracy of fat-saiaried officials to level it over the workers as they lorded it over the railroad men in Hungary recently. No, that's the kind you capitalists will try to give us at a later stage, but which we Socialists will not swallow.

Warned by Painful Experience.

Warned by Painful Experience.

J. G. Peck, chief engineer of the Crys-

Why don't you try Carter's Little Liver Pills? They are a positive cure for sick headache and all the fils produced by disordered liver.

SOCIALIST CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT WILL SPEAK IN PORTLAND MONDAY



EUGENE V. DEBS.

Eugene V. Debs, Socialist candidate for the Presidency, who will speak at the Exposition building Monday evening, will not be tendered the elaborate reception originally planned by Portland Socialists. The National committee has requested the local committee that the reception be done away with, as Mr. Debe is making a very strenuous campaign, and will be too greatly fatigued when he reaches this point to

Preparations for his address have been completed. Mr. Debe will arrive in Portland from San Francisco on the evening train of the Southern Pacific. He will be met at the depot by a committee and a band, and excerted to the Exposition building, which will be appropriately decorated for the occasion. After a musical programme, Mr. Debs will address the audience on Socialism. He will depart the following morning for a trip taking in Tacoma, Seattle and Spokane. It was originally intended that he should speak at several points in Oregon while on his way to Tacoma, but the local milities was unable to make arangements with the National commit.

He will, therefore, go direct to Tacoma from Portland.

Local Socialists are enthusiastic over the coming address of their chief, and promise an excellent attendance at the Exposition building when Debs rises to speak.

LEWIS AND CLARK COMMISSION MAKES PURCHASE.

Oregon's Finest Fruit to Be Seen at the Fair-Countles Are at Work on Their Displays.

With the rapidly approaching comple tion of the big exhibit buildings, erected by the state at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, the Fair management is begin-ning to center attention upon the matter of securing exhibits for Oregon's showing. The entire attention of the State Commission is now being given to this matter, and several men have been as-signed to canvass the state in the interest of exhibits.

It is the intention of the Commission to have Oregon's exhibit a most comprehen-sive one, and it is also intended to have every portion of the exhibit in place when

the gates of the Fair are thrown open to the world next June. While there have been encouraging re sponses from many of the counties of the state, a lack of enthusiasm on the part of individual producers has been encoun-tered by the Commission. Out of a large number of requests for exhibits of Fall The cities of Walla Walla and North Yakima will be the hosts of a large number of people during the latter part of this month and the first of next. Excursions will be run from Portland to the fairs held at both places, and large crowds will make both trips.

In addition, the cities of Seattle and Tacoma will send large delegations from those cities.

There seems to be an idea in the minds that the excursions of the state. They are authorern portion of the state. ern portion of the state. They are authorized to buy the finest apples obtainable to the extent of about 600 boxes. The apples and other fruits obtained later will be kept in cold storage until the date for the opening of the Exposition. President Jefferson Myers is at the fair at Eugene looking out for other exhibits.

While they have been forced to resort to this method of securing fruit exhibits, the responses of the countles tells a different story. Ten days ago the different counties were communicated with, and up to the present data 12 counties have re-plied with requests for exhibit space, two countles are preparing their esti-mates and two countles, Grant and Wheeler, will make no exhibit.

Grant County pleads too great a dis-tance from the railroad to make a credit-able showing, while from Wheeler County comes the curt and brief message from County Judge W. H. Hoover that Wheeler County is making no effort whatever to participate. The space asked for by the other counties is as follows:

Sherman, 20x30 feet; Jackson, estimate being prepared; Gilliam, 500 square feet; Polk, 20x30 feet; Lane, 20x30 feet; Benton, 20x30 feet; Marion, 20x30 feet; Clackamas, 20x39 feet; Washington, 20x30 feet; Yarn-hill, 16x40 feet; Waseo, estimate being prepared; Columbia, 20x30 feet; Union, estimate being estimate being prepared.

WON AGAINST FIVE CITIES.

ing the Associated Fraternities to Porting the Associated Fraternities to Port-land. Some days ago, when they left for St. Louis, the scene of this year's con-vention, they communicated with Lewis and Clark headquarters, and announced they would do everything possible to bring the next session to Portland. As the Fraternities were to meet this year in an Exposition city, it was feared at the time, Portland's chances might not be of the very best, and the announce-

The session is expected to bring about five thousand delegates of different fra-ternal organizations.

City of Eugene Gets New Nose. The steamer City of Eugene, owned by the Round Lumber Company, undergoing repairs in Supple's boatyard, is receiv-ing a complete new nose. The fore part from the cabin was so short that the bow could not be seen from the pilot-house, and hence it was cut off and a bow 12 feet longer is being built, while the entire hull is being reconstructed and strengthened with new keelsons and timbers. The tug Vanguard, on the ways in this yard, is being generally overhauled for the Callender Lumber Company. Yes-terday afternoon the Guy Howard, Government Engineers' headquarters craft, was brought to the shipyard for repairs. She coilided with the dredger in a fog a few days ago, burst a steampipe and

BUY APPLES TO EXHIBIT

Portland are Kansas City, Detroit, Milwaukee, Niagara and Des Moines. Four ballots were necessary for a choice.

It is to P. A. MacPherson and J. L. Mitchell, Portland, traternal workers, that the credit is principally due for converting the Associated Proposition.

ment of victory came as a pleasant sur-

sustained some other damages. Plans sustained some other damages. Plans have been prepared to enlarge her cabin so as to take in the entire deck, but it is not settled that these changes will be made at this time.

beginning to inhale the pungent smoke. Others, however, were farther along and were lying torpid, wrapped in dreams in which the reeking den and Deputy Sheriffs took no part.

Protestations availed nothing, and all

Protestations availed nothing, and all found with opium upon them were bundled from the bunks.

"No 'Melican man amokee here, only Chinaman," said the proprietor. But it was an opium den, and the orders of the Sheriff were to raid all such. In the other establishment much the same conditions prevailed, though the place was cleaner.

OPIUM DENS ARE RAIDED

ELEVEN SMOKERS.

Those Men With Oplum in Pos-

session Taken in Custody.

The dens were in the same building as that in which was one of the fantan games raided Thursday night. At 128 Sec-

A quantity of opium was also secured, After the arrests had been made, the hat of one of the prisoners was knocked off.

Two cans of optum were inside. Only those caught with optum in their possession were arrested.

only the perfume of tobacco.

Back into the main passageway went
the officers. In another room they atum-

AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say

A Thrilling Drama.

This afternoon's matinee and tonight's performance of "Under Two Flags" at the beautiful Columbia Theater will be the last opportunities the public has to see this thrilling, romantic drams. The week's run of this play has been memorable in theatrical circles. Crowded houses night ly have been the rule, and the splendid stock company has showered itself with plaudits and laurels. It is the general rerdict that there is not a better stock company in America than this really first-class aggregation at the Columbia Theater. The people of Portland are proving their interest, their good taste and their discrimination in liberally pat-ronizing the beautiful productions of the Columbia. A fine playhouse was built, a superior company was engaged to put or only the best plays that can be procured. public now considers this company a fixed institution in town, and thousands of people are made happier that the Co-lumbia Theater exists. The amusement is of the very best and it comes within the means of everybody.

The play this week meets with the wid-est popularity, being strong, touching with human interest and heroism, and it gives the popular favorite, Miss Countiss, a specially enticing part in Cigarette. Mr. Baume, the leading man, who has grown hish in favor in the few weeks he has been here, has a noble part that fits him well. All of the cast are afforded good opportunities. A great, popular hit so early in the season is a fact worth noting. Each week of the season the public may be confident that a succession of glad surprises will be brought forth by the Columbia management. Remember, some-thing better, and still a little better, is always the motto at the Columbia.

"Fedora" Matinee Today.

The attendance at the Baker Theater has been increasing each night this week, where Melbourne MacDowell is present-ing Sardou's beautiful play, "Fedora." There will be a matinee today and the large sale of seats indicates a crowded house. The last performance of "Fedora" will be given tonight. .

"Burgomaster" Matinee Today. This afternoon at 2:15 the ever popular musical comedy, "The Burgomaste which has been delighting the patrons "The Burgomaster the Marquam Grand Theater the past two

Famous Pianist Is an All-Around Athlete Josef Hofmann Is a Bicyclist, Billiard Player, Golfer, Swimmer, Tennis Player and Automobile Builder.

OSEF HOFMANN, planist, automobile am booked to play in Europe in March builder, bicyclist, billiard-player, golfer, swimmer, tennis-player and cause one's composer depends on the composer, sat in his parlor at the Portland last night, looking very unlike the popular conception of a piano wizard who has few equals among the men or women of his generation, the world over. Gushing matinee maidens love to think of their favorite piano king as a superior being

with poetic face, long hair and languish-ing, melancholy eyes. Hofmann is rather the type of the sane, healthy planist. The muscles on his arms and legs are those of an athlete in hard training, and his face has a pleasant tinge of color.

on this present tour?"
"I played in Philadelphia," said Hof-mann, hesitatingly. "It was a game of billiards with Constantine von Sternberg, head of the Conservatory of Music in that The game was at 1000 points, and

after two days' play I wen by 24 points."
"But I meant plane playing—"
"Oh," broke in Hofmann, hastily. "I

Really, I have no tavorite composer, because one's composer depends on the mood one is in. For instance, I do not love Chopin to the exclusion of other great composers. When do I practice plannplaying? I have no regular hours, and have not played very much lately, as I believe in resping in Summer. One plays all the better for it later. In learning a all the better for it later. In learning a new selection I read over the music two or three times and play it on the plano. Then I absorb the music mentally, and if I like it the theme haunts me until I know every note, and there is no danger in even forgetting one note. In playing at concerts I rarely change classical music, virtueso pieces, as written by the composer, but in a few instances in other of an athlete in hard training.

If see has a pleasant tinge of color.

"This makes my fifth trip to America."

The observed. "I first came to this country in 1887, and then in 1898, 1900, 1902 and the present occasion. I landed in New York September 14, and am to open my present tour in Portland."

Then you have not played in America "Then you have not played in America "Then you have not played in America "Then you have not played in America."

Hofmann is rather under the usual size, but is well-built and finely developed. He but is well-built and finely developed. He

Hofmann is rather under the usual size, but is well-built and finely developed. He thinks his muscular power is largely inherited and has been helped by his swimming, boat rowing and bicycle riding. He has the build of an aggressive footban halfback. He talks entertainingly of field sports, but when the subject is changed to music, Hofmann's face lights up and he becomes enthusiastic—not about his Won against five cities.

Portland First in Fight for Fraternities' Convention.

That the Lewis and Clark Exposition is proving a drawing card is plainly evident from additional facts received year dent from additional facts received year testay by Fresident Goode concerning the selection, by the Associated Fraternities of Portland as the meeting place for next year. It was learned that five great it was learned that five great it was learned that five great it is attended against Portland in the fight for the 1905 session, and that the three was a spirited contest in the convention. The five cities which lost to

evenings, will be the matines attraction. This tuneful, elaborate production is even better than last year. The company this year includes Olgo von Hatzfeldt as Wille, Oscar L. Figman as the Burgomaster, and many others of prominence. Last performance tonight at 8.15.

SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ARREST Last of "Side Tracked" Today. Matinee this afternoon and tonight will Chinese Resorts Are Visited, but Only be the last performances of "Side Tracked," which is drawing good houses at Cordray's Theater.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"The Jilt" Tomorrow.

Down upon the Chinese descended the deputies of Sheriff Word again last evening. Optum smokers this time were caught and haled to the County Jall. Eleven Chinese from two joints were looked up for the night. The fourth week of the regular stock casen at the Columbia Theater will be opened Sunday matinee, September with Dion Boucleault's "The Jilt," his mous comedy that ranks among the best

that have ever been written.

The play is a supremely interesting one, the scene being laid in England and treating of English country life. The old, old, and still always new, story of love and games raided Thursday night. At 128 Second street, directly adjoining the Rummelin fur store a fantan game had been raided the previous night, while in another alley was last evening discovered a full-fledged opium joint. Upstairs and two numbers removed, at 130% Second street, was found another establishment. From this place eight opium smokers were taken to the County Jail by Deputies Cordano, Grussi and Parrott. Three were found by Deputies Downey and Parrott in the neighboring den.

A quantity of opium was also secured. and still always new, story of love and its trials runs through the play. Boucicault played the part Mr. Baume will take. The play has toured the world successfully, and has run a whole year in New York City. The advance sale of seats is large, so the patrons of the Columbia are requested. lumbia are requested to engage their se lections early.

"Empress Theodora" Tomorrow. The engagement of Melbourne Mac-Dowell at the Baker Theater will end next week with an elaborate production of Sardou's picturesque spectacle. "The Em-press Theodora." At the matinee tomor-row, which is the first performance, a per-fect presentation is promised, as Mr. Mac-Dowell and Miss Ethel Fuller have played the leading roles together. Miss Fuller sion were arrested.

To reach the den at 180% Second street the deputies climbed a long, dark stairway. Doors open into black, resking passageways in all directions. The air was heavy and foul, and the penetrating odor of optum could be distinguished from the smell of tobacco. One door when opened disclosed the room of what was evidently the proprietor. It was neatly furnished in Chinese style with two beds, a few cooking utensils and a good supply of stoveweed. But in this room there was only the perfume of tobacco. the leading roles together. Miss Fuller is said to have made a great impression with the newspaper critics of San Francisco by her excellent rendition of the character of Theodora. No expense has been spared on this furewell production.

"Sweet Clover" at the Marquam. The advance sale of seats will open next Monday morning at 10 o'clock for the beautiful comedy drama "Sweet Clover," which comes to the Marquam Grand The-

bled, carefully avoiding contact with the walls, which by the light of a match could be seen covered with dirt, accumulated apparently through more generations than there have been Chinese in Portland, Finally the poses brought up in an apart-ment larger than the rest. Here were which comes to the Marquam Grand The-ater next Tucsday and Wednesday nights, September 27 and 3. The company pre-senting the play is one of the greatest ever taken on tour, and a specially con-structed car is required for the transpor-tation of the stupendous and elaborate scenic production, while the costuming is of the most costly and beautiful assort-ment. ment larger than the rest. Here were half a dozen matting-covered bunks and here were half a dozen opium-smokers reclining on the matting. Some were busily twisting the opium "pills" over the flame of a tiny lamp, others were just beginning to trade

"The Hills of California."

Next week's attraction at Cordray's will be "The Hills of California," a superb scenic production of the most successful pastoral comedy of modern times, supported by the original cast of selected players. "The Hills of California" is a rural classic, dealing with people we know and meet every day. Around these characters is written a beautiful heart story that is told in a simple but convincing way that leads the auditor to believe that it is reality. The comedy is whole-some and honest; no effort is attempted to create laughter, but it comes spon-taneously. The first performance will be at the matines tomorrow afternoon.

"Uncle Tom" Matinee.

But two performances of the stu-pendous Empire Theater revival of 'Uncle Tom's Cabin" remain matinee this afternoon and tonight's final presentation.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS

Last Days of Great Star Bill. Today and tomorrow are the last days of the vaudeville sensations at the Star Theater. The Loretta Twins and the Girdellers have created a furore never before equaled in Portland. The amazing triple-bar act of the twins plus a clown, and the graceful head-shakancing of the Girdellers will long be memorable in Portland vaudeville annals. Today's performances 2:30 to 4:26, 7:36, 16:38 performances, 2:30 to 4:30, 7:30 to 10:30. Tomorrow, continuous from 2 to 10:30. P. M.

At the Mirth-Factory. Bright electric signs point the way to the mirth-factory, courteous ushers show the public into the Arcade Theater, and the public into the Arcade Theater, and the best vaudeville performers make the stage resound with catchy songs, fresh-coined jokes or fleet-footed dancing. Gaston and Harvey, the Australian top-boot dancers; McCoy and Knight, the trick-bone soloists, and the Great Stansfield. character comedian, three of the seven feature acts, are entertaining large audi-ences daily. Today and tomorrow are the last opportunities to see this excellent bill. Matinees, 2:30 to 4:30; evening, 7:30 to 10:30. Continuous 2 to 11 P. M., Sun-

The Kins-Ners Coming.

Heading the Star bill next week is act that equals the great sensations of this week. The Kins-Ners are the marvelous European equilibrists, whose amazing feats of heavy-weight balancing have startled two continents. Pianos and cartwheels are dangled on chins with ease and other feats of strength are equally startling.

T. H. E. Bijou, M. D.

For that tired feeling try a Bijou prescription this afternoon or this evening. Real funny fun by the bright-est of comedians, popular songs by six graceful, sweet-voiced girls in brilliant new costumes, laughable dialogue and the most amusing situations will cure the most chronic case of "blues." "Courtship in Japan," and the pony ballet will do it. Berrian and Mackin also have a funny little show of their Last week of the pony ballet and the Zinn Company.

Great Cunning Coming.

The big topline feature of the Lyric's bill next week commencing Monday afternoon will be the Great Cunning, the master of handcuffs and the most marvellous jailbreaker of the age. He defies the most rigorous shackles and he releases himself from an Oregon boot without assistance inside of ten His feats have amazed the most experienced police officers in the pected.

His coming will be a great event. This week's programme is a

TIP TO FISH WARDEN.

Williamette Fisherman Explains Intentions for Next Spring.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 23.—(To the Editor.)—If you have space in your valuable paper, permit me, as a Willamette River fisherman, to fill in between the lines of your article, "The Fish Protection Parce," in your issue of September 14, and to throw a little more light on this important arbites. on this important subject. In my opinion, your article is unanswerable, and the fellow who thinks of tackling it had better let it alone.

The Clackamas and Willamette River fisher-The Clackamas and Willamette River fisher-men, with a few exceptions, believe in pro-tection to the salmon industry by a reasonable close season and the payment of license fees to aid artificial propagation to maintain the future supply. While there has been consider-able said about violations of the close acason law on these rivers, there actually has been very little fishing of any consequence during the close seasons for the past three or four years. In other words, the seasons have been practically closed, and quite large numbers of salmon were thus permitted to ascend the Clackamas River to the seasoning grounds and Clackamas River to the spawning grounds and to the hatchery. But since the present master fish warden has deemed it advisable to violate his oath of office, and permit probably 2500 or 3000 fishermen to fish unmolested, and several large canneries and cold storage plants to operate openly and notoriously within the limits of his own town during the August closs season on the Columbia River, at their own pleasure, without the least effort on his part to cause a single fine to be imposed upon them. there is an entire change of opinion and feel ing among the fishermen and the general pubils in this vicinity, with reference to the in-dustry. Due respect for the master fish war-den and his methods has slowly declined until den and his methods has slowly declined until by this last stroke he has forfeited all right to any respect whatever as a public official. I suppose his excuse for permitting open fishing on the Columbia during the close season is that the run of fish has been light and therefore the insatiable maw of the fishermen and packers was not satisfied when the season closed. On the Clacksmass and Williametra Rivers the best run of fish occurs while fishing is by law prohibited, and there is only two or three weeks' fishing during the open season that amounts to anything. Now, if the master fish warden is still in office pext season that amounts to anything. Now, if the master fish warden is still in office next year, drawing his salary for his usual spe-cialty of hot-air reports in the newspapers, I take this opportunity of "putting him next." The fishermen here are going to commence fishing next Spring just as mon as there are any fish in the river, and continue so long as it have close season or no close season. They any non in the river, and consinue so long as it pays, close season or no close season. They will do this on the theory that they cannot catch enough fish during the open season. And under the present management the public and under the present management the public will pat them on the back—at least public opinion will be such that they will have no need to fear the verdict of juries. Imagine the master fish warden before the juries attemption of the procedure a fisherman, poor as most

master has warden before the juries attempting to presecute a fisherman, poor as most of them are, for any violation of the fishing laws, in the face of his past record as an official, specially provided by the Legislature to enforce such laws, with a salary of \$2500 per year. We are willing to take our chance with the general public, so long as the present incumbent is in office, or any deputy he may appoint to look after us. ent incumment is in omos, or any deputy he may appoint to look after us.

What will be the result of such wholesale fishing in these rivers. The fishermen here can acrape the Clackamas and Willamette Rivers so clean of fish that there will not be a cor-poral's guard of parent salmon to reach the Clackamas batcheries. And it is a well-known fact that the early Spring run of salmon, the most valuable of them all, is propagated quite successfully, but only at the Upper Clacks-mas hatchery. But it is the Spring close sea-

mas hatchery. But it is the Spring close season and its general observance that has made this possible in the past.

Now, it seems to me that the thing to be done is to retain the close seasons, for, generally speaking, the run of salmon has been increasing under the present law, and let us have officials who will conduct themselves in such a manner as to be entitled to the respect of the public and our courts. Convictions may then be had, otherwise they cannot. Then let us insist on a strict and impartial enforcement of the fishing laws, and less time devoted to newspaper reports and interviews as to the hundreds of millions of young salmon that are about to be let go upon the unsuspecting waters about to be let go upon the unsuspecting waters of our state; and have less "holler" about changing or repealing laws to fit this or that condition, so as to make the duties of the fish warden less arduous.

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TO WELCOME A BISHOP.

Methodists Prepare Reception to Bishop Spellmeyer and Dr. Rader.

The Methodists of the city will unite in a reception to be given at Grace M. El. Church next Monday evening, September 25, in honor of Bishop Henry Spellmeyer, D. D., Bishop J. M. Thoburn, D. D., and Rev. Dr. D. L. Rader. Mrs. Spellmeyer and Mrs. Rader will also be the special guests of the Men's Methodist Social Union, under whose auspices the reception

is given. Bishop Spelimeyer is one of the newly elected bishops of the Methodist Church, and has been assigned to hold the coming ession of the Oregon conference, which meets in Eugene September 28. Dr. Rader is the new editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate, and is widely known as editor, pastor and preacher. Bishop Spellmeyer and Dr. Rader will be introduced at this reception for the first time to Portland Methodists, Bishop Thoburn, though fa-millar to Portland audiences, is always a most welcome guest. Other distinguished

visitors are also expected to be present.

The addresses by the visiting dignitaries will be in the auditorium, preceded by a brief organ recital by Prof. W. M. Wilder, commencing at 7:45 P. M., to be followed by the social hour in the lecture room of the church. A cordial invitation is extended to all

Methodists and their friends to be pres and meet these distinguished men of the Methodist Church,

Heavy Storm at Bay City.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—The heavy rain which began last night continu until this morning, the precipitation from 9 P. M. to 9 A. M. being 2.70 inches. This is the heaviest rainfall for 24 hours ever recorded here, more than doubling the previous figures of 1.63 inches. It also greatly exceeds the heaviest fall on record for the entire month of September which was 1.05, noted in 1898. Although today was partly clear, the Weather Bureau officials state that the storm is not over and that more rain may be ex-

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