

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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AMUSEMENTS

MARQUAM GRAND THEATRE (Morison st. between 6th and 7th)—Tonight at 8:15 o'clock. The Wizard of Oz.

COLUMBIA THEATRE (Fourth and Washington)—Tonight, at 8:15. "An American Citizen."

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

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

ELKS THEATRE (Sixth, near Alder)—Continuous vaudeville from 2 to 10:30 P. M.

LYRIC THEATRE (Seventh and Washington)—Continuous vaudeville from 2 to 10:30 P. M.

WHEN THE WILLAMETTE HAS FROZEN UP—H. A. Davis, who was a clerk in a store on Front street a good many years ago, but who has for a long time resided in Boise, was in town yesterday about a flying business trip and took a stroll down Front street to see how many of the names on the signboards were familiar.

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NO MARKET FOR FRENCH PRUNES—AN agent for some California prunegrowers has been advertising in the city for several days, trying to sell small French prunes put up in neat pound packages. They appear to be very good prunes of the kind known as the French prune, and are sold to dealers at a rate which will enable them to be sold at that price. He, however, finds few buyers, as there is practically no demand for French prunes here, and on the account of Oregon prunegrowers have cut down and destroyed any trees of this kind they had planted.

The Italian prunes are the only ones kept for sale by dealers, the choicest retailing at three pounds for 25 cents, but in bulk they sell for less, and the smaller sizes, which are larger than Potties, can be bought at 5 cents or by the quantity for even less. Under these conditions it appears hopeless for California to try to find a market in this state for their little French prunes, even when put up in convenient pound packages, at a cost which must form a considerable percentage of the value.

GOAT PEOPLE THE DOG-CATCHERS.—While the pound deputies were driving about in the dog-wagon a few days ago in the vicinity of East Third and Pine streets, a goat that had been making a nuisance of himself, and who appeared to be determined to catch him. They got out their dogs and chased the goat for quite a while, but failed to catch the frisky animal, much to their disgust. Scarcely had the deputies got on their wagon preparatory to driving off when the goat came skipping up and gave a blood at the wagon. This was a sort of challenge to come and catch him, and the men started after the goat once more. He led them a merry chase, keeping just far enough away to prevent any dog from getting being thrown over his head. Finally he led one of the men who was after him on a lot where a fill had been made. The deputy plunged after him, and went fording down the soft earth several times before he could get across the lot. The goat, having had all the fun he wanted, disappeared and was seen no more.

RECEPTION TO NEW PASTOR.—To celebrate the commencement of his new duties as pastor of Taylor-street Methodist Episcopal Church, a reception will be tendered tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, in the church parlors to Dr. F. Bergotte Short, who has been substituting at that church since the last regular pastor was transferred to mission work in Utah. Dr. Short is a native of Oregon, and a member of the church last Sunday. In a very short time he has made himself one of the most popular pastors in this city, and has gained the warm friendship of the members of the church and their friends are cordially invited, and music will be supplied by the choir of the church, under the direction of Dr. W. A. Johnson. The official board of the church will be Dr. Brougher, of the First Baptist Church; Assistant Secretary Rhodes, of the M. C. A.; and G. F. Johnson, of the official board of the Taylor-street Church. Refreshments will also be served by a committee of women.

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MIXSELL MUST LEAVE

PASTORAL RELATIONS WITH OREGON CITY ARE DISSOLVED. Presbytery Decides in Executive Session That Best Interests of All Concerned Require Change.

That the pastoral relations now existing between Rev. Frank H. Mixsell and the Oregon City Presbyterian Church be dissolved; that the present elders of that church cease to act, such action to be effective October 21; that Rev. Henry Marcotte have charge of the congregational meeting to elect new elders, and to act as moderator of the church session until the next meeting of the presbytery in April, 1906, at Tualatin Plains Church, Washington County.

Such a resolution adopted at an executive session of the Portland Presbytery yesterday afternoon, held in the Sunday school room in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church building, regarding the troubles which recently afflicted Rev. Frank H. Mixsell and the Oregon City Presbyterian Church, of which he had been pastor.

Rev. W. C. Laube, pastor of the Bethany German Church, moderator, and the session was attended by about 40 members of the presbytery. Rev. Mr. Mixsell was an interested spectator. Strenuous endeavors were at first made to keep secret what transpired at the meeting, and when an Oregonian reporter had the temerity to send a written message to the moderator, in the course of the afternoon, asking if any report would be made public of the executive session, a negative reply was received. It is known that the dispute between Rev. Mr. Mixsell and the Oregon City church was considered by the Portland Presbytery in executive session, and that quite a number of witnesses were examined for and against the proposition that a change in the pastorate would be beneficial.

The familiar story was again threshed out, that the young people connected with the Oregon City church opposed the proposal that Rev. Mr. Mixsell should leave to become an evangelist missionary, and that the elders, representing the church element in the congregation, were willing that the minister should go to another field of activity.

It is not known whether the star chamber session was a stormy one or not, as the clerical and lay members of the newspaper men into their confidence, but from a report furnished last night by one of the ministers present at the meeting, the evidence heard was not of a disagreeable nature.

"Nothing was said that affected the character of Rev. Mr. Mixsell or any of the elders, or anyone connected with the Oregon City church," went on the minister. "The presbytery stepped into the breach at the right time, and has brought the matter to an amicable settlement. Every step in just now. I can wait until there is any hair-pulling. Certain people expected something disagreeable at the session, but nothing of this nature came before us, and the evidence was a surprise to all. The result seemed a small one. But we think that a change in the pastoral relations will be beneficial, both to Rev. Mr. Mixsell and the Oregon City church. The fact that he is a young man and he can easily get an appointment in this or some other spot."

Departures from the recent general assembly of the Presbyterian Church, looking to a union of the Cumberland Presbyterians with the Presbyterian Church in the United States, got an affirmative answer from Presbyterians here. There was no discussion of or opposition to the proposal, and the motion for amalgamation carried by a large majority.

At the next meeting of the general assembly in May, 1906, the regular Presbyterians meet at Winona, Ind., and the Cumberland Presbyterians in the South.

Synod of Oregon Convened Tonight. Presbyterian ministers from different portions of Oregon are hastening toward this city to attend the sessions of the Synod of Oregon of the Presbyterian Church, which begins this evening at the Calvary Presbyterian Church, and will last through tomorrow, concluding with a reception Saturday at the manse of Calvary Church. There are 104 ministers in the synod, and 100 Presbyteries from each church is also a commissioner.

The opening sermon will be preached by Dr. J. A. Townsend, of Roseburg, the retiring moderator. Tonight's program:

Opening words, Rev. A. J. Montgomery; "The Sabbath School Missionary's Study of the Bible," Rev. J. K. Motilivry; "Sabbath School Missions as an Evangelistic Force," Rev. G. A. Knott; "The Sabbath School Missionary's Home-to-Home Visitation," Rev. Howard N. Smith; "Difficulties and Duties of the Sabbath School Mission Worker," Rev. J. V. Milligan, D. D.; "The Duties of the Presbyterian Sabbath School Missionary Committee," Rev. J. H. Barton; "Necessity of Christian Union," Rev. E. Z. W. Conover; "What Should the Pastors of Oregon Do for Sabbath School Missions," Rev. E. P. Hill, D. D.; "Relation of Home Missions and Sabbath School Missions," Rev. W. S. Holt, D. D.; question box, opened by Rev. A. J. Montgomery.

Presbytery in Southern Oregon. ROSEBURG, Or., Oct. 12.—Sessions of the Southern Oregon Presbytery opened here last evening and were continued during today. There is a good attendance of ministers and laymen from the seven counties, Douglas, Coos, Curry, Josephine, Jackson, Klamath and Wheeler, which constitute this district. Rev. Philo F. Phelps, of Ashland, is the moderator, and Rev. W. G. Conley, of Grant's Pass, clerk.

Reports of the members and committees show the work of the church to be in a good and growing condition. Most of the ministers will leave tonight for Portland to attend the annual meeting of the synod.

Petitions For and Against. OREGON CITY, Or., Oct. 12.—(Special.)—Petitions for and against the retention of Rev. F. H. Mixsell, as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, were in circulation among the members of the church here today. The petitions are intended for the consideration of the presbytery which has under consideration the matter of the pastor's relation to the church.

WHERE TO DINE. All the delicacies of the season at the Portland Restaurant, fine, private apartments for parties, 345 Wash., near 6th.

Enters the Philippine Service. CHERAWA, Or., Oct. 12.—(Special.)—Miss Augusta E. Hultman, for the past two years teacher at the Indian School, left yesterday for the Philippines where she will enter the Government service as teacher under the War Department at a salary of \$300. Miss Hultman received her appointment about a month ago, but was only a short time ago given orders to proceed to San Francisco where she will be placed on board a transport bound for Manila. She came to Chermawa from South Dakota.

California Man Vice-President. ST. LOUIS, Oct. 12.—The American Angora Goat Breeders' Association today elected J. C. Johnson, secretary, and Dr. W. C. Bailey, of San Jose, Cal., as vice-presidents.

Water Street is Closed.—While the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company is laying track in East Water street, from East Madison, the former street is closed up. The crew of men are laying a single track in the middle of the street, which will be used to fill under the roadway. The closing of East Water street shuts off travel to the Madison bridge that way for the present.

The Hotel Portland Barber Shop will be open for business hereafter from 7 o'clock A. M. until 10 P. M.

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