

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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AMUSEMENTS.
MARQUAN GRAND THEATRE (Morrison st., bet. 6th and 7th)-Tonight at 8:15 o'clock, Maxine Elliott.
COLUMBIA THEATRE (4th and Washington)-Tonight at 8:15, "The Charity Ball."

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS-Officers of Portland Lodge No. 83, the largest Masonic Lodge of Oregon, were installed with impressive ceremonies by Past Grand Master Judge J. B. Cleland last evening.

DEATH OF MRS. MARY A. IKEMAN-Mrs. Mary A. Ikeman, wife of J. C. Ikeman, state organizer for the Modern Foresters, died at the family residence, 613 Overman street, Monday at 12:30 P. M.

NEW BUILDING LAMP-The Haasensium tract of 20 acres, immediately west of Mount Tabor, was sold yesterday to A. E. Jackson for \$20,000. The property has been used for farm and orchard purposes.

CONCERT AT SEAMAN'S INSTITUTE-An interesting concert was given in the Seaman's Institute on Wednesday, December 28, under the direction of Mrs. Ella Jones. The programme will include readings by Florence Dalton and Alice Pickthorn, songs by Ella Franck Hobart, Mrs. T. H. C. Miller, Dr. Keefer and Charles Setto, piano solos by Lillian Veach, Alice Wiley and Hazel Spears, and a violin solo by Edith Franck Hobart.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES AT GRACE CHURCH-The Grace M. E. Sunday school will hold its Christmas festivities tonight at 7:30 P. M. The League will entertain the children with a cantata entitled, "Mother Goose and Her Children." Members of the school, old and young, are expected to be present.

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Timberman Willing to Pay.
The question is merely one of means. The timbermen are anxious to have the law on the side of rangers, whom they are willing to hire, so that they can act authoritatively. The easiest and least objectionable way of securing the arm of the law is all that is being sought now.

State Commissioner Favored.
The suggestion which then followed being more direct and hence more favorable, is to have the rangers appointed by the Governor who should acquire themselves with the condition of the state and appoint rangers where necessary or requested. The second is to have some county commissioners elect the County Judge, ex officio the chief fire warden in each county, and leave it to him to appoint forest rangers and permit for the setting of "slashing" fires.

Rangers to Watch Fires.
He would appoint rangers at the suggestion of timber-owners and clothe them with police power. They should have all the power that, by the other plan, would be delegated to the County Court. Settlers would have to come to the rangers for permits for setting fires, and they would have to keep close watch on these slashings so that they were put out completely. They should also post on the roads and trails through the forests notices of the penalties for leaving camp fires burning.

Governor Objects to the Expense.
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Slashing Will Be Regulated.
The fact has not been forgotten that it is absolutely necessary to burn and slash a great deal of land each summer in order to clear the ground, and provision will be made in the bill to be drawn to meet this demand. Slashing will be permitted, but not under conditions which are likely to lead to the destruction of other timber. Mr. Muckle said at the meeting that the terrible forest fire on the Coweman in Washington two years ago last summer after private timber.

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