

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

THE OREGONIAN'S TELEPHONES.
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AMUSEMENTS

MARQUAN THEATER (Morris, bet 4th and 7th)—Evening at 8:15, Follies 12:15.
COLUMBIA THEATER (4th and Washington)—Evening at 8:15, Follies 12:15.

AT THE THEATERS

"Our New Man."
Truman Toole..... Harry Bessford
Peter Morrison..... A. Bert Wesner

IS A PITTSBURG EMBEZZLER

Harry Bessford, a young comedian, who is growing as rapidly as anti-trust sentiment, returned to the Marquan last night in a new farce, the funniest of the season barring Willie Collier's "Dictator."

The piece itself presents nothing startlingly original, for it hinges on the old mistaken identity joke and the situations are developed after the same fashion as those of a dozen predecessors.

The groundswell of Robert Reed's old success of "Charley's Aunt" and a long catalogue of others that have passed into oblivion seems to be the only approved plan for farce construction.

Reed's farce was here last in "The Wrong Mr. Wright" and made a good impression. He has advanced steadily since then, and as he is a young man with but scant theatrical experience, he promises to become one of our best light comedians.

In the character of Truman Toole, the guileless professor of botany, he suggests Richard Carle without imitating the musical comedian. The part has much similarity to those affected by Carle with the musical features eliminated, and the Woodward stock at Kansas City some years ago, and acquired wide fame in the Missouri Valley.

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The supporting company is weak, with the exception of Kate Bruce and Bert Wesner. "Our New Man" is essentially a clean, bright comedy, and it is in it, in which respect it differs from the rule of farce. The engagement was for the one night only.

"A Contented Woman."
Benton Holmes..... Donald Bowie
Curtis Hines..... William Bernard

In the long ago, Diderot wrote: "To describe woman, the pen should be dipped in the humid colors of the rainbow, and the paper dried with Juno gathered from the wings of a butterfly."

And all married men—who are wise—know how difficult it is to describe woman. How can a flower describe the sun, except to bow in adoration to the power from whence comes all inspiration?

The same remark applies to Hoyt's "A Contented Woman," the offering of the Columbia Stock Company, at the Columbia Theater. Therefore, now is the opportunity for the friends of this popular theater to rally to its support and see to it that all the seats are occupied each night and at the two matinees.

Under Mr. Ballard's direction has finished an exceptionally noteworthy season, so far as high-class plays are concerned. Tomorrow evening at the Columbia will be "Elixir" and Friday night, "Woodmen of the World's Night."

Hoyt wrote "A Contented Woman" to create laughter, especially illustrating the idea of female suffrage, where the husbands stay at home and cook the dinner and mind the babies, while the wives attend to politics and "run things" generally.

Donald Bowie steps into the front as Uncle Todde, the henpecked one. C. W. Yorks is clever as a colored waiter, and sings a specialty "Back to Baltimore," that is admirable. Laurette Allen should be more sustained and stronger as Aunt Jim, to allow for the spirit of subjection in the last act.

Catarine Countess wears several attractive gowns, and is very charming and likeable as the young wife who goes into politics. Dot Bernard pleases as Mary Pease, and sings two engaging songs, "Mama" and "Sherry Flap." Bunche Douglas makes an admirable Mrs. Ebbemita, and acts with spirit.

See "A Contented Woman." She's worth it.

Ex-Convicts Implicated in Robbery.
OAKLAND, Cal., March 27.—The police have received information directly implicating two ex-convicts, named Zimmerman and Collins, with the \$25,000 robbery of the Central Bank messengers a few days ago.

Believed Prisoner Drowned Himself.
SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—Detectives detailed to Assistant Sheriff Brown, of Humboldt County, in searching for J. Stewart Morgan, an escaped convict, who disappeared from the steamer Oregon while the vessel was rounding Point Reyes on her way to this city on Saturday night.

Library Association is Formed.
TACOMA, March 27.—Representatives of 42 libraries in the state met in Tacoma today and effected the organization of the Washington Library Association.

Steamer Alliance sails from Couch-street dock for Coos Bay and Baska at 5 P. M. Thursday, March 30. F. P. Baumgartner, agent. Main 81.

Plans for Hotel in Sellwood.—Plans are being prepared for a two-story 30-room hotel to be built on Umattilla avenue, in Sellwood. A joint stock company of Sellwood men has been formed for the construction of this hotel.

The new steel steamer, Redondo will sail for San Francisco Thursday afternoon, March 30. Cabin, \$12; steerage, \$5; meals and berth included. C. H. Thompson, agent. 138 Third street.

A COBBLER for the Nomah Circle No. 59. The advertisement of Nomah Circle in Sunday's Oregonian, under meeting notices, read: "Admission 10c," when it should have been 5c.

Building Lodging-house.—The pile foundation is being driven for a two-story lodging-house for Smith & Fitts, on the northeast corner of East Morrison and Eighth streets. 314 1/2.

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The members of Company C, Third Infantry, O. N. G., give their next dancing party Wednesday evening, March 29. The Calumet Restaurant, 149 Seventh. Free luncheon, 25c. dinner 50c.

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GIVES HIMSELF UP

Conscience Smitten, He Goes to the Police.

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P. E. Griffith Can Stand the Nervous Strain No Longer, So He Surrenders and Waives Extradition.

"I think every person who looks at me is an officer who is going to place me under arrest," said P. E. Griffith last Wednesday night as he entered Police Headquarters and addressed Detectives Carpenter and Reising.

Griffith was employed as a cashier in a Pittsburg railroad office for a time and was well liked by his employers. He got to living beyond his means and embezzled small sums. At last his deficit grew to such proportions that he found himself unable to conceal it longer.

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