CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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AMUSEMENTS.

EMPIRE THEATER (12th and Morrison)—Matinee at 2:15 and evening at 8:15. "Blow for Blow."

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

STAR THEATER (Park and Washington)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M.

BAKER THEATER (3d and Yamhill)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M.

Y. M. C. A. AUDITORIUM (Fourth and Yamhill)—Evening at 8:30, concert under direction of Miss E. F. Hoberg.

RAISING A BUILDING FUND.—Milwaukie Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, has decided either to purchase the Town Hall, which is the old schoolhouse standing back of the new building, or it will put up a hall on grounds offered for the purpose by T. R. A. Sellwood. O. A. Fretag, who purchased the prize wagon given Clackamas County at the National Grange meeting in Portland, in November, 1904, has turned this wagon over to Milwaukie Grange to dispose of it and make as much out of it as possible. The Grange hopes to clear $150 out of the wagon, which sum will be added to the building fund. This Grange has more than 100 active members. Mrs. M. L. Roberts is the master.

COUCH IS USEFUL.—The Mothers' and Teachers' Club of the Brooklyn School, believing there was urgent need of an emergency couch in a school building where there are 400 pupils, purchased one last week, and presented it to the Brooklyn School. Yesterday it was used several times by children who became suddenly ill and could not be taken home until better. The club will know from actual test that the emergency couch is very useful in a schoolhouse. The Brooklyn building is the only one in the city provided with an emergency couch.

GRESHAM SCHOOL TO CLOSE.—The Gresham School and High School department will close Friday, May 26. Examinations in the grammar grades were completed last week. There has been an average attendance of 175 out of a total enrollment of 200. In the High School there was an average enrollment of 50 students. Five have completed the 11th-grade studies. It is probable that an addition will be built to the school this Summer. Professor A. F. Hershner is principal of the school.

MAYOR WILLIAMS WILL BE RE-ELECTED, says Wanda, Portland's most popular palmist, his hand suggests every indication of it. The more opposition and newspaper notoriety the better success for Mayor Williams. The opposing party will elect Mayor Williams with discredit to themselves. He will serve out his term of office, with honor and credit to his party. If not, I will give up my profession as a palmist. *

BASEBALL TODAY, 3:30 P. M.
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MULTNOMAH FIELD, 19TH AND MORRISON.
DON'T FORGET CHANGE OF GROUNDS.
PORTLAND
vs.
OAKLAND.
MULTNOMAH FIELD, 19TH AND MORRISON.
ALL THIS WEEK.
BASEBALL TODAY, 3:30 P. M. *

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.—The United States Civil Service Commission desires to call attention to the fact that positions in the Government service, such as common laborers or workmen, are to be placed under the civil service rules. Persons desiring to compete in examinations for these positions should call on Z. A. Leigh, Postoffice Department, city.

POSTOFFICE BOXES ARE READY.—The Postoffice is soon to move into its new quarters at Fifth and Morrison streets. Postmaster Minton announces that persons holding boxes numbered from 721 to 1080, inclusive, may call at the Postoffice box department and have their new boxes assigned to them.

WORKING ON FILL.—Dumpcars are filling up the opening in the West Side approach to the Burnside bridge, between the retaining wall and Front street. This fill will be completed the middle of the week and then planked over. This was the only work that was being done on the bridge yesterday.

STROUSE'S RESTAURANT, No. 229 Washington street, will close to the public May 17, in order to renovate and enlarge its dining-room, and will reopen about May 21, of which due notice will be given. *

THE academic students of St. Mary's academy and college will give a dramatic entertainment Friday, May 26, 8 P. M. Admission 50 cents. *

STR. F. A. KILBURN, for San Francisco, calling at Coos Bay and Eureka, from Oak-street dock, May 23, at 8 P. M. Tel. Main 2960 *

PAPERHANGERS WANTED.—Apply to F. E. Beach & Co., the Pioneer Paint Co., 135 First. *

SWEET-PEA trellises, H. Claussenius & Son, Plumbers, 415 Washington. *

THE CALUMET Restaurant, 149 Seventh. Fine luncheon, 35c; dinner, 50c. *

Watch for Wooster's auction, 7th-Morr.*

City Offenders Before Municipal Judge Hogue

"I did the best I could, and from what I have heard of it, I guess I did a pretty good job," said Dan Lovell to Judge Hogue, when arraigned in Municipal Court yesterday morning, charged with fighting.

Hans Jarschand, a Norwegian, was the other combatant. Each blamed the other, but Hans was ill and unable to be in court. Daniel was there to tell about it.

"It happened just outside the Oxford saloon," said Daniel. "I heard a scream out there, and went out to see what it was. It was dark, and before I knew what was doing, I was struck a terrible blow over the head, from behind. I turned, and saw a man, now known to be Jarschand. I braced myself, sailed into the fray and I'm satisfied with the outcome. I have had entire satisfaction, and don't care to see him fined."

Judge Hogue rather thought Daniel was somewhat to blame for going outside the saloon, but Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald was of the opinion that the scream heard by the defendant, Daniel, was sufficient to cause any good citizen to rush out and investigate. That Hans was there to assault Daniel, Mr. Fitzgerald thought; was too aggressive for any good Norwegian. However, Daniel, according to his own admision, fought. Therefore, he should be punished, as the peace and dignity of the city of Portland must be upheld, said Mr. Fitzgerald.

To settle the matter, Judge Hogue fined each fighter $10. Hans paid his, but Daniel may have to serve his out in the City Jail.

The human head was not originally intended for use as a billiard table, but that was the use the head of B. Holmes was put to by Charles May last Sunday, if the complainant's allegations are true.

However, Mr. May's innovation did not work well, which shows that nature knew best when creating the human head. The ball used by Mr. May sank into the scalp, laying it open for a considerable distance, and causing Mr. Holmes some pain. Humiliation was also mixed with the agony, and in order to soothe both, Mr. Holmes came into the Municipal Court yesterday morning and secured a warrant for the arrest of May.

May is a young backdriver, and Mr. Holmes belongs to the Longshoremen's International Union. May has been fined before. Recently, when he was inspecting the new City Jail, a policeman asked:

"How many of those new cells did you pay for?"

"I've put enough coin into that jail to buy three hacks," was the reply.

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For snooping around of nights, having nothing specific to do, Charles Grant was fined $20 yesterday by Judge Hogue.

"That will hold him until about the close of June," said Judge Hogue. "He can work up his muscle a little bit by breaking rock on our pile, and it will be of great benefit to him."

Grant was arrested by Patrolman West at a late hour Sunday night, for being out after the ringing of the curfew. The defendant had a great tale of woe to tell concerning a young man who complained against him, saying he had been robbed by the young man. This was disproved, however, by Grant himself, whose word, it became clear, was hardly worth believing. He lived at Des Moines, Ia., originally, but when booked at police headquarters, gave to Captain Moore Detroit, Mich., as his home. Other evidence that accrued against him caused Judge Hogue to impose the fine.

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"Kid" Harrington was held to the grand jury yesterday, when arraigned before Judge Hogue on a charge of larceny from the person.

Harrington was charged with the theft of a gold watch from Charles L. Blakeley, a member of the Police Department, and evidence is said to be pretty strong against the accused. Bonds were fixed, but the defendant was unable to furnish the required amount, and was remanded to the County Jail.

Harrington is the man who, about one year ago, stole a $10 bill from John Briggs, a well-known miner of Southern Oregon. Harrington served a term in the County Jail for that, and was just released.

REASON FOR ANNEXATION

AS A PRECAUTION AGAINST EPIDEMIC IT IS WISE.

Physician Declares That Mount Tabor District Should Come In and Be Sewered.

PORTLAND, Or., May 22.—(To the Editor)—The voters of this city will soon have an opportunity to determine as to whether or not the territory lying between Mount Tabor and the city shall be admitted, and in my humble opinion should vote "yes" upon the question.

If one goes to the end of the Mount Tabor car line and sees the vast tracts of farming land around and near Mount Tabor, he might find reason to object to admitting "Mount Tabor," which in a general way is the name given to the region extending from Sunnyside half way out to Gresham, but this present proposal does not contemplate the admission of the real Mount Tabor at all. It merely contemplates taking in that very thickly populated section altogether west of Mount Tabor, and lying between Mount Tabor and the city. This little piece of territory, just a section of ground, contains thousands of people living in their own homes, law-abiding, enterprising persons who are largely interested in Portland's success, the majority of whom desire to become legally a portion of this city. No similar section about Portland has a larger number of the homes of prominent citizens.

The fact that we have too much sparsely settled territory already within the city limits, which as a broad statement is true, is no reason to me that a cast-iron rule should be made that Portland is never to add thickly settled sections as the population here increases. We desire our city to grow, and we also desire to have credit for such growth in census returns. The attempt to enforce an inflexible rule like this would be an extremely unfortunate one for those who would strive for its maintenance. As a reactionary measure we would see all elements desiring enlargement and opposed to restrictive measures, combining, and the result would be just the opposite of what ought be desired by opponents of the present movements.

But Portland has more than ordinary interest in this present matter, and from a sanitary standpoint and as an act of self-preservation, should long ago have taken in this particular section, even if the citizens in the tract had not desired to join interests with the city.

This ground is full of springs. While here and there some persons may live upon elevated knolls and have drainage, and possibly be themselves contented, the greater portion of this section is either upon or subject to the overflow drainage of springy ground. In fact, certain portions of this territory should never have been platted until supplied with sewer facilities.

The region to the eye is a most beautiful one. The people who have made it their homes have not realized until settlement the seriousness of the drainage problem there.

Cesspools have been built and then rapidly filled. These in many cases have had to be shallow, because water has been encountered at the depth of a few feet. New cesspools have then had to be built. Those cesspools, indeed, in many cases have overflowed at different seasons. Nowhere else in Portland does such an alarming condition prevail, and as settlement has become more dense this condition has become intensified. The cesspool at best is but the forerunner of sewer drainage in any city. Here conditions are the very worst, and I am willing to stake my reputation as a physician, and do so now in this public manner, that if something is not done to relieve present conditions as I have stated them, that some frightful scourge of diphtheria, typhoid fever or similar disease will overtake this section, and when this does occur, such scourge will also lay its hands upon the whole of Portland.

This condition, which is a menace to the entire city, is to be met in but one way—annexation and a sewer system for this region.

I favor the annexation because it is a thickly settled section, lying against a thickly populated portion of the present city, in the interest of a reasonable "Greater Portland," and because I believe that we should be glad to see our city grow in all sections, and should not discriminate against this region as some are doing, because it is "on the East Side." Our East Side citizens are among our very best. I feel, however, very strongly that if there were no other reasons for adding this section to our present city area, we must protect the city against what might easily become a scourge spot for the whole city, and which can only be done by annexing the region and permitting the inhabitants to build these sewers. Under the law, they will pay for such sewers themselves.

HENRY WALDO COE, M. D.

Calico Bass in Columbia.

Calico bass have appeared in the Columbia River, and of late a small number have been caught. The average compared with black bass is about 1 in 100. This species of the bass family has never been imported to these waters, and the appearance has been somewhat of a surprise. The calico bass here have no yellow on them, as have those in the East. One that was caught in the Columbia Slough will be on exhibition for the next few days in the window of J. K. Gill & Co., at Third and Alder streets.

Board of Trade Discussion.

The executive committee of the Board of Civic Improvement will meet Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock for the discussion of the work that has been done during the past month, and to outline further plans of work.

There are many things that are now awaiting the action of the Board, and it is expected that the meeting will be productive of much interest.

THE dinner setting is incomplete without WHITE ROCK WATER.

A selected water is as essential as a selected wine.

The Denver & Rio Grande scenery is even more beautiful in Winter than Summer. Travel East via that line and spend a day in Salt Lake City.

The new Hotel Oregon, corner Seventh and Stark streets, has hot and cold running water and long-distance telephones in every room.

Harris Trunk Company
Is headquarters for Trunks and Bags.

INDICT THE JORDANS

Father and Son Accused by Their Associates.

EMBEZZLEMENT A CHARGE

The Two Are Accused of Falsifying the Records of the International Manufacturing and Mining Company, by Jury.

Henry Clay Jordan, president of the International Manufacturing & Mining Company, was indicted by the grand jury yesterday for embezzlement of $1500 from the company. The facts as stated are that Jordan sold Dr. B. E. Wright certain shares of stock and received from Dr. Wright a deed for two lots in Holladay's Addition. Jordan obtained this deed in his own name, and mortgaged the property, so it is alleged and kept the money. The witnesses who appeared before the grand jury against Jordan were: N. W. Rountree, B. E. Wright, Frank Motter, Dr. H. R. Biersdorf, V. V. Rand, I. F. Graham and S. C. Spencer, all of whom are interested in the affairs of the company.

The grand jury also indicted Jordan and his son O. M. Jordan for falsifying the books of the corporation to make it appear that the action of Henry Clay Jordan in converting this $1500 to his own use was ratified by the board of directors of the company, when such was not the case. The accused are at liberty on bail.

SUE TO CANCEL POLICIES.

Four Men Accuse Insurance Agents of Gross Deception.

Suits against the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company to cancel policies were begun in the State Circuit Court yesterday by Robert I. Seeley, Herman Pape, Marion Young and W. W. Parrott. The defendants are Mark T. Kady, supervisor of agents and E. J. Diven, an agent of the company. The plaintiffs applied for a $5000 policy each, except Parrott, who asked for $10,000 insurance. False representations to secure the applications for policies are alleged to have been made. The complaint recites that the agents soliciting the policies represented that the company would issue a 20-year payment life policy on which the full sum would be paid in case of death, and the full amount of the reserve and earnings would be paid at the end of 20 years.

As a further inducement to secure the application, it is charged, the plaintiffs were led to believe that they would be among a small number of members of an advisory board that would have supervision of the business transacted in the state. Among the members of the board a certain percentage of the profits of the business would be divided annually so as to gradually reduce the annual premiums to such an extent that within not later than 10 years the profits would equal the amount of the premium.

This is said to be an absurd proposition and impossible. Other objections are made to the contract. The suit is said to be the result of competition and rivalry between life insurance agents.

PRISONER TRIES TO ESCAPE

Roy Mitchell Arrested for Larceny Makes Dash for Liberty.

Roy Mitchell, a young man charged with stealing a watch and other articles in the dwelling-house of M. Barth, made a bold dash for liberty from the courtroom of department No. 1, in the Courthouse yesterday. He was caught by Deputy Sheriff "Dode" Parrott, who had him in charge, and returned to his cell in the County Jail.

Mitchell was taken before Judge Cleland for arraignment and entered a plea of not guilty. As he was being led away Mitchell sprang past George Leffel, another prisoner, and the officer and made for the door leading to the hallway. Reaching the hallway he ran into a man named Bell, and as the result of the collision Bell fell to the floor. Parrott is over six feet tall, but is of slim build and very active, and he succeeded in overtaking Mitchell just as he reached the stairway.

This is the second time in the history of the county a prisoner has attempted to escape in this manner. The last man who tried it succeeded in reaching the street and was overtaken by F. Otto Burckhardt.

About 20 years ago Dan Moran, who was awaiting trial on a murder charge, while detained in an anteroom, slipped away unobserved and made a successful escape. He was apprehended about a week later.

Jurors for June Term.

Jurors for the June term of the State Circuit Court, which begins on Tuesday, June 6, were drawn from the jury list by Judge Cleland and Circuit Court Clerk H. C. Smith yesterday as follows:

George A. Johnson, Ben Bowman, J. Chalmers, S. Friendly, C. M. Olsen, Daniel Rieman, William Pfunder, J. M. Campbell, C. Christensen, M. O. Dennill, H. R. Mackenzie, Lewis Hexter, Hans Lestoe, M. F. Rowell, J. Leonard, E. J. Brigham, O. H. Lance, Albert T. Smith, H. B. Pershim, H. Sutcliffe, Warren N. Abbott, George Ormsby, Thomas Ellingham, Walter F. Burrell, Tom Richardson, Robert Gardner, Ferdinand Floss, John Versteeg, H. Rasters, Frank Bruhn, L. B. Seeley, A. H. Devers, Carl Jensen, Edwin Caswell, A. H. Keer, E. A. Lindsey, H. L. Powers, Alfred Baker, P. D. Lang, D. S. Alderson, F. S. Locke, Thomas Edwards, B. P. Reynolds, Harry N. Beckwith, Hans Hansen, F. L. Zimmerman, Henry Oxer, Charles Olsen, Simon Gerson, A. C. Pike, C. J. Littlepage, H. P. Christensen, H. F. Barteis, George Tuttle, Charles Olson.

Sues Sisters of Mercy.

Sarah Holden, who, on June 23, 1904, paid the Sisters of Mercy $1000 under an agreement that she be kept for the remainder of her life at the Home for the Aged, yesterday began suit in the State Circuit Court to recover $750 of the money. She says she was not provided with sufficient clothing and medical attention, and that the food did not suit her. She further alleges that she left the place on March 17 and was promised the return of $750, and the repayment was subsequently refused.

Judge George Tries Damage Suit.

The suit of Alice Dowling against the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company to recover damages for injuries received in an accident at Sellwood caused by a collision, was heard by Judge George yesterday. Miss Dowling was thrown to the floor of the car, and says she received injuries to the spine and neck. The accident occurred on November 4, 1904. It was agreed between William T. Muir, counsel for the company, and William M. Davis, attorney for the plaintiff, to try the case without a jury and allow Judge George to fix the amount of damages. His Honor, after hearing the evidence on both sides, took the matter under advisement.

Sues Street-Railway Company.

Charles S. Rudeen alleges that he was put off a streetcar on Holladay avenue, two weeks ago, by a conductor, after having been struck several times by the conductor. Yesterday, through his attorney, Waldemar Seton, he filed suit against the Portland Consolidated Railway Company for $5000 damages.

Rudeen, in his complaint, sets forth that he obtained a transfer from a Morrison-street car and boarded another car at Third and Morrison streets, handing the transfer to the conductor at the time. Subsequently, the conductor came to him and demanded his fare, and he declined, saying he had already paid it. The conductor denied receiving the transfer, and Rudeen avers that he called two passengers to prove that the conductor was mistaken, and then gave the conductor a nickel. It is alleged further in the complaint that the controversy continued, ending in the conductor forcing Rudeen from the car and striking him several times.

Will Filed for Probate.

The will of T. B. Allen, deceased, was admitted to probate in the County Court yesterday. The property, valued at $12,000, consisting of 40 acres of land, a house and lot on Sixth street, near Jackson, and an undivided one-half of lot 3, block 12, Portland, is devised to Mary Ann Allen, the widow, for life. The remainder in fee is bequeathed to Lilly B. Allen, a daughter, Wiley B. Allen, a son, and Lilly B. Allen are named as executors.

Poker-Players Plead Guilty.

Walter Davis, Henry Schweer, J. T. Locke, Fred Talcot, T. W. Perkins and J. W. Jenkins, arrested by Sheriff Word for playing poker in a house at 288 Burnside street, pleaded guilty in Judge Cleland's court yesterday, and will be sentenced today. Ed Kavanaugh, who is under indictment for conducting the game as proprietor, pleaded not guilty, and will stand trial.

File Incorporation Articles.

Incorporation articles of Barnes, Warden Company were filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday by E. M. Bayliss, W. L. Warden and Henry Oellion; capital stock, $8000. The objects announced are to operate places of amusement, entertainment and refreshment.

Furbanks Are Divorced.

Fred W. Furbank was divorced from Daisy E. Furbank yesterday by Judge Cleland. They were married in January 1901.

Wheat Freights Reduced.

It is announced by the freight department of the O. R. & N. that the company has reduced the rate on wheat from Arlington to Portland from 14½ to 13½ cents per hundred pounds, the change to become effective June 1.

This change is in line with other extensive changes recently made in the freight schedule of the O. R. & N. territory in following out the plan of a general readjustment of the rates following the recent meetings held between the North Pacific Coast Jobbers' and Manufacturers' Association.