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AMUSEMENTS.

BAKER THEATER (3d and Yamhill)—Williams' "Imperials Burlesquers"; tonight at 8:15.
EMPIRE THEATER (12th and Morrison)—"Around the Town"; tonight at 8:15.
GRAND THEATER (Park and Washington)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M.
PANTAGES' THEATER (4th and Stark)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M.
STAR THEATER (Park and Washington)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30, 9 P. M.

INTEREST SCHOOLS IN AGRICULTURE.—County School Superintendent R. F. Robinson has begun a potato and flower contest in Multnomah County among the boys and girls of the public schools, which is a part of his plan to introduce the study of elementary agriculture, without adding to the studies. He appeared before Evening Star Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, yesterday afternoon, and explained the plan and purpose of this contest. Experimental clubs are being organized for the boys and home industrial clubs for the girls. This year boys are to study the potato. Each boy is to plant 60 hills on the farm. Some of the seed potatoes are to be cut one way and others another way, and then planted. Some of the hills will have certain kinds of fertilizers, other hills another kind, and some will have none at all. Some will be sprayed once and some twice and some not at all. All these processes are to be used in cultivating the potatoes and the results noted. At the end of the season prizes will be distributed to the most successful planter. Seeds are to be alike as far as possible, and a Portland seed store has agreed to provide the seed potatoes. Professor Robinson said that the potato was selected because it afforded facilities for the experiments. The girls' clubs will hold a flower contest during the year, the contest being confined to the production of the astra and sweet peas. At the end of the season prizes would be distributed for the ones that produced the finest sweet peas or astras.

HAVE INTERESTING PROGRAMME.—At the meeting Saturday of Evening Star Grange an interesting programme was given at the lecturer's hour. Readings were given as prepared by the lecturer, Mrs. H. L. Vail, from reports of what the Patrons were doing in other sections of the United States. These extracts also showed the movements of the National officers. It was brought out also that O. H. Kelly, founder of the order, had been pensioned at the rate of $100 a month. Suggestion that he be pensioned came first from Evening Star Grange, of Oregon. B. Lee Paget explained in detail the practical working of the primary law. It was decided to devote the next meeting to Arbor day. The programme will be appropriate to the day and be devoted to fixing up the grounds about the hall. C. H. Welch, E. N. Emery and Mrs. Emma Spooner were elected as delegates to the county convention which meets in Portland next Saturday afternoon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.—The Multnomah County Sunday School Association has for one of its objects the enlisting of every Sunday school and every individual worker in a general forward movement. In order to accomplish this the organization has planned a series of conventions to be held in the various districts into which the county was divided at the last county convention. Two of these districts, the first and the second, have held very interesting and profitable conventions. The third district, which embraces all that part of the county west of the river and south of Taylor street, will hold a convention Wednesday, March 7, at 7:30 P. M., in the First Christian Church, corner of Park and Columbia streets. Come prepared to ask and answer questions.

WANT ELECTRIC LIGHTS.—The Portland General Electric Company will be asked to extend its service to Montavilla this year. At the last meeting of the Montavilla Improvement League the matter was discussed at length. G. W. Farrier, W. M. Loomis, Charles Stevens and W. J. Burden were appointed to take up the matter of improving Hibbard street and Villa avenue. Petitions will be circulated for these improvements. R. Stevens and D. W. McMillan were appointed a committee to interview the Portland Railway Company regarding the placing of incandescent lights along Hibbard street, which is occupied by the company's tracks. Th league is making a forward movement for general improvements.

INFORMATION BUREAU.—An excellent room for an information bureau for the East Side Improvement Association has been secured in the Weatherly building at East Morrison street and East Third. It will be in charge of Joseph Buchtel and J. D. Lee, the latter being the former secretary of the Portland Board of Trade. It will be supplied with a table and literature pertaining to Portland and its commercial opportunities, and will be made a place where information can be obtained of factory sites and opportunities. It will also be a place for committee meetings.

NOT PUBLIC MAIL BOX.—A mail box was placed at the corner of Grand avenue and Ellsworth street by the owners of the boathouse nearby for their private use. Many people in that neighborhood, thinking it was for general use, have been depositing letters in it. These letters are still in the box, as the carriers do not take mail out of it. As this box is marked "U. S. Mail," it deceives the public. Those who have deposited letters in this box may get them back at the Neptune boathouse.

NEW PRINCIPAL.—Professor J. E. Stubbs has been elected principal of the Estacada public school, to take the place of Professor Surface, who resigned. Professor Stubbs had been principal of the Garfield School, which he resigned to accept the new place. Miss Iva Dale takes his place as principal of the Garfield School. The enumeration shows that there are 129 children of the school age in the Estacada district, which is 32 more than last year.

MAY VOTE ON BOND ISSUE.—The municipal election in St. Johns will take place April 2, when a full set of officers will be chosen. There is now talk of voting at that time on the question of issuing bonds for the erection of a city hall. Ground has been secured. The present building has become too small in which to transact the business of the city. It is thought that a bond issue would carry at the coming election.

THE delegates to the Democratic mass meeting on the 7th inst., in case 50 or more attend, have been accorded a rate of one full fare attending and one-third (1-3) fare returning. Certificates to be obtained from the secretary of the meeting. The meeting will be held at Hibernia Hall, Portland.

WILL HOLD OPEN MEETING.—The Women's Christian Temperance Union of St. Johns will hold an open meeting this evening in the Adventist Church. A short programme will be given. All interested in temperance are invited.

REVIVAL MEETINGS.—Rev. Guy F. Phelps, conference evangelist, will open special revival meetings in the St. Johns United Evangelical Church tomorrow evening.

DEMOCRATS OF OREGON, ATTENTION.—Do not fail to attend Democratic mass meeting at Portland, Wednesday, March 7. Place of meeting announced later.

STEAMSHIP ALLIANCE SAILS from Couch-street dock for Coos Bay and Eureka Tuesday night, March 6, at 8. F. P. Baumgartner, agent. Main 861.

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MIXED CONDITIONS IN ST. JOHNS.—There is a mixed condition of sentiment in St. Johns on the saloon question. The ordinance providing for the issuing of liquor licenses is being published over the signature of Mayor King with his approval attached, showing that it passed the Council in due form. This is the ordinance which the Council thought had been defeated with one vote when it came to a vote on its adoption. Before this vote was taken it had been carried almost unanimously that the ordinance be put on its final passage. This had been the practice of the Council in passing ordinances, and it is held that it passed the ordinance. Mayor King so held, and he signed the ordinance. This was the first mix-up. Then came the resolution rescinding the license granted the St. Johns Hotel Company, following the meeting when the company granted the license. Meanwhile, the $1000 check which the company had on deposit with Mayor King in payment for its license was cashed and paid out on debts. The saloon is still in operation, and the city cannot refund the $1000, as it has not the money. Indeed, the city authorities have taken no steps to carry out the rescinding resolution. There will be a meeting this evening, when Councilman Shields will ask the reason why the saloon has not been closed up and the $1000 has not been returned to the St. Johns Hotel Company.

PLANS FOR GRANGE HALL.—The committee appointed by Milwaukie Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, to prepare plans for a hall, to be erected on the grounds donated for the purpose by T. R. A. Sellwood, has prepared tentative plans for the building. It will be 36x80 feet, with a basement nine feet in the clear for kitchen and banquet hall, with the meeting-room above. The basement will be partly built of concrete. These plans if adopted provide the two rooms required by Granges. There will also be the usual anterooms. The cost of the structure is estimated at $1200. This committee will submit a report at the next meeting. No actual canvass for funds has yet been undertaken, but will be made as soon as the plans are adopted and the members know what the cost of the building will be. No difficulty is expected in raising the funds required from the members, in time to get the building up this Spring.

SELLWOOD FIRE PROTECTION.—Councilman A. N. Wills has proposed to the County Commissioners that arrangements be made so that the fire engine soon to be installed on Macadam road can be taken across the Willamette River by the ferry at any time during the night. Mr. Wills said that the Sellwood Lumber Company would supply the fuel free of charge necessary to keep up steam in the boilers of the ferry at night, if some arrangement can be made so that a fireman can be kept on the boat. He could telephone to the engineer in case a fire should break out in Sellwood, and the engine could be ferried over to the East Side. The only probable expense of such an arrangement would be for the fireman, who would have to keep up the steam.

GETS FREE MAIL DELIVERY.—March 1 rural free mail delivery was started out from the Estacada Postoffice, with W. S. Irwin as carrier, the only applicant for the place, at $720 per annum. Postmaster Haviland was informed by the department that the postoffices at Currinsville and Garfield would be discontinued on March 15, as the new route would take in those offices and render them useless. The route is Estacada R. F. D. No. 1, and leaves the Postoffice at 9:30 A. M. and returns at 5 P. M. The length of the route is 24½ miles; area, square miles, 20¾; number of houses, 110; population served, 495. It is a growing district, and before long another carrier will be required.

LECTURE BY DR. J. R. WILSON.—The first of a series of Sunday evening lectures to be delivered in Calvary Presbyterian Church was given last night by Dr. Wilson, of the Portland Academy. The subject was "The Relationship of the Jewish Synagogue to the Modern Christian Church." The address, which was catholic in Christian sympathy, and deep in scholarly and historic research, was received with sustained attention and appreciation. The second of the series will be given next Sunday evening by Professor J. F. Ewing. The title of his subject will be "The Waldenses."

LENTEN NOON SERVICES.—The first of the Lenten noonday services for business men to be held in the Chamber of Commerce Hall on the second floor of the Chamber of Commerce building, will be held today, commencing at 12:30 P. M. and lasting 25 minutes. The service today will be conducted by Dr. A. A. Morrison, to be followed by Rev. Clarence T. Wilson on Tuesday and other clergymen throughout the Lenten season on each weekday, at the same time and place.

EZRA MEEKER WILL SPEAK.—By the courtesy of Tom Richardson, the old pioneer, Ezra Meeker, will be the guest of the Portland Commercial Club at noon today. At this time he will be given an opportunity very briefly to outline his plan for marking the old Oregon trail from the Columbia to the Missouri River. He hopes that Portland will do its full share in assisting to make it a success.

FARMER'S GOOD FORTUNE.—J. F. Jaeger, a well-known fruitgrower living near Russellville, has fallen heir to a considerable sum of money, about $10,000. It comes from his father's estate in Minneapolis. Mr. Jaeger has long been a resident of this county, and his many acquaintances are pleased with his good fortune.

DR. E. C. BROWN, EYE, EAR, Marquam.

MAY NOW MOVE TO ALBINA

Carshops May Be Concentrated at the Terminal Grounds.

When the new machine shops in Lower Albina, now being equipped with modern machinery, are turned over to the operating force, it is expected that the old Southern Pacific shops in Southeast Portland will cease to be as important as they have been for the past 40 years. A man in Lower Albina, who claims to have inside information, says that the policy of the Harriman lines is to concentrate the heads of departments, and that the next movement will be to concentrate the mechanical department at the terminal works in Lower Albina. This, he says, has long been under contemplation. There is but one permanent modern building at the Southern Pacific carshops on the East Side, and it is part of a plan that would have cost over $1,000,000, involving the erection of about nine buildings. It contains modern machinery, which will be moved to Albina when the transfer is made.

It will be several months yet before the new machine shops at the terminal grounds are equipped in full with modern machinery, but the work is going steadily forward. With the yardmen, if the shops are concentrated as expected, there will be more than 1200 employed. The removal of the Southern Pacific carshops has been in the air for more than ten years, but instead of moving them more men have been employed there than ever, but this Albina man says they will certainly be concentrated at the terminal works sometime this year, but not wholly abandoned. At the Southern Pacific carshops there are 40 acres, and the place is not likely to be abandoned even after the mechanical department is concentrated in Lower Albina.

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AT THE THEATERS

By A. H. BALLARD

"Imperial Burlesquers" at the Baker.

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Barnaby Bibbs....Lew Palmer
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Manager Skinum....Harry Jackson
Hamlet Omelet....Andy Leigh
Harmony Schmitt....Frank Millard
H. E. Weakened....George Garland
Fast Freight....Joe Scanlon
Mrs. Barnaby Bibbs....Lillian Washburn
Vanity Fair....Pauline Moran
Bridget O'Toole....Jennie Lamont
Miss Manhattan....Grace Keller
Miss Martini....May June
Miss Gins Fizz....Annie Hardy
Miss Mint Julip....Edith Bennings
Miss Absinthe Frappe....Lilly Berry
Miss Pussy Cafe....Pansy von Allen
Miss Sherry Cobbler....May DeLisle
Miss Cream de Minthe....St. Clair Dale
Miss Peach Brandy....Linnie Albert
Miss Apple Jack....Janet Morton
Miss Hot Toddy....May Sullivan
Miss White Seal....Grace Burnett
Miss Piper Heidsick....May Boyle
Miss Pommeroy....Margaret Manley

"A SNAPPY, fascinating little burlesque show is running this week at the Baker Theater. It opened yesterday, and the brisk organization calls itself the "Imperial Burlesquers."

It is jam full of clever people who work hard. It is not only all that it pretends to be. It is a little more than up to the mark of a good burlesque entertainment. Probably as the companies of the "Wheel" have had so much experience in team work they are better able now to put forward their best efforts in unison. At any rate, I found the show yesterday distinctly entertaining, and I believe it would be called good anywhere. The public is quick to detect merit, and it was noticeable at the opening that all the solos with chorus effects were encored over and over again. The chorus is thin but not scrawny. Hit followed hit in uninterrupted succession. The dresses of the girls were particularly pretty, fresh and clean. They looked as if they had just stepped out of a bandbox. The whole company gave an impression of joyful enthusiasm and prosperity. There was plenty of tuneful music. To single out anyone would be unfair, for all were capable. Particularly fetching features were the costuming and concerted singing, and the real talent and mirth of the comedians. Of course I cannot abide the rough-house business that seems to be an inevitable accompaniment of these burlesque offerings, but it always earns laughs, and if laughter means that the audience is satisfied; well, satisfaction and entertainment are what the patrons are paying for when they buy entrance tickets. I recommend this show to anyone who wants to while away an evening in amusing frivolity and care-dispelling music, at the same time looking at some of the nimblest of well-clad feet.

Murray and Mack in "Around the Town" at the Empire.

Michael O'Brien....Charles A. Murray
Timothy Sweeney....Ollie Mack
Timothy Sweeney, Jr....Walter Dale
Greenleaf Blackstone Kent....J. Birnes
Willet Chase....Walter Brower
Patrick McQuirk....J. L. Sample
Herman Krausmeyer....Joe Birnes
Panhandle Mike....Walter Bower
Mrs. Mary Ellen O'Brien....
....Mayme Taylor
Miss Mary Ellen O'Brien....
....Gladys Van
Anastasia McGovern....Fanny Sanford
Katharine O'Donnell....Stephen Prideau
Audey....Viola Grant
Ansie....Nancy Dale
Bessie....Bessie Davis
Camile....Adelaide LaFevre
Ida....Ida Sturgis
Ethel....Ethel Gillard
Lizzie....Lizzie Purcell
Billee....Billee Seaton
Mae....Mae Hamilton
Marie....Marie Franklin
Anna....Virgie Dale
Bessie....Bessie Schofield
Florence....Florence Cordelia
Norine....Norine Dunham

THE gift of gab and repartee is given by birth to the Irishman.

Murray and Mack, those well-known and inimitable comedians, portray the immensely tickling characteristics of the typically witty Hibernian with rare skill. They have a new musical and variety skit dubbed "Around the Town," with which they opened yesterday for a week's run at the Empire theater. Not since the days of Harrigan and Hart have there been in the public eye truer exponents of the Irish nature and eccentricities than these same rollicking fellows, Murray and Mack. Murray, the tall, apparently serious one, and fat little Mack, the monkey-faced imp who makes you laugh to look at him. The piece is interspersed copiously with excellent musical specialties, dancing of a well-costumed chorus, dressed in elaborate scenery, punctuated by a plethora of telling gags, enlivened throughout by sparkling jibes and quips, made pleasing by harmonious female and male voices, illuminated by a kaleidoscopic phantasmagoria of electric lights, threaded together by a fair resemblance to a plot and story. It is by far the best production they have had at the Empire for a long time. It is the piece worthiest of attention by regular theater goers at this theater since Mrs. Fiske played "Leah Kleschna" under the same roof. Miss Van is a charming soubrette. The male quartette received the warmest welcome. The swinging girls simply carried away the house. Miss Mayme Taylor sang "On the Road to Mandalay" beautifully. Miss Purcell has a contralto voice that you'll remember. Murray and Mack permeate the entire evening with their genuine fun—they are a blessing to tired nerves, a boon to all who have the privilege of seeing and hearing them.

WANT A CITY BEAUTIFUL

WHAT COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED PROPOSES.

First Meeting Will Be Held This Evening to Discuss Various Propositions.

The first meeting of the Committee of One Hundred appointed by the Portland Board of Trade will be held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall tonight at 8 o'clock. And yet the notice of acceptance has not been received at the Board of Trade from all of those appointed members of the committee, but about half of them have notified Secretary J. B. Laber that they would serve. Notices are expected from a good many more of them this morning, and it is thought that the first meeting will be a large one.

The committee was appointed in pursuance of a resolution passed three weeks ago at an open meeting held at Eagles' Hall under the auspices of the municipal enterprise committee of the Board of Trade.

The object of the committee is to beautify the city and to take an active part in anything that pertains to the municipal welfare of Portland. The committee is composed only of representative citizens. It is believed that on any of the important questions which arise before the Council, public sentiment can be obtained from the committee, as it will represent the people. A plan will be outlined by which the committee can beautify the city, such as the building of boulevards, parks and other improvements.

The subjects to be considered by the committee at the meeting tonight are grouped under the following heads:

"How to Make or to Keep Portland Growing," "Portland Prosperous," "Portland Well-Governed," "Portland Beautiful."

In case the suggestion meets general approval, the Committee of One Hundred will be formed into a permanent organization tonight.

One of the most important questions that will come up before the committee tonight is that of the Front-street franchise. It is believed that the committee will declare itself in favor of the Council accepting the offer of the Willamette Valley Traction Company to build a line down Front street and present it to the city.

The Board of Trade is on record as favoring the municipal ownership of the Front-street line. Several weeks ago, at an open meeting, a resolution to this effect was passed by the Board of Trade.

KLAMATH CANAL CONTRACT

Mason, Davis & Co., of Portland, Secure Much Work.

Mason, Davis & Co., of Portland, which holds the contract for constructing the first installment of canal in the vast Government reclamation project in the Klamath country, will establish headquarters at the scene of operations during the coming week. The members of the company are Walter F. Burrell, Joseph Paquet, Archie Mason, J. N. Davis and L. Lambert.

The company holds the contract for the construction of the first nine miles of the canal which shall carry the water of the Link River to the land which is to be irrigated. The contract was awarded February 16 and provides that the work must be completed one year from that date. For the work, the company will receive $377,000. A tunnel 3100 feet long is included in the portion of the canal to be constructed.

The canal is to commence immediately above the town of Klamath Falls and run south to the district to be reclaimed. The members of the company do not expect that they will be able to begin work until about April 1. From that time on, however, work will be rushed, between 600 and 700 men being employed.

The Klamath project is one of the most important planned by the Government Reclamation Service at present. The main canal is to be 35 miles long when completed. Upon completion of the enterprise about 500,000 acres of land which is now barren will become fertile.

SAYS OWNERS SHOULD PAY

E. H. Virgil on the Filling of the Low Lands.

At the last meeting of the East Side Improvement Association, the statement was made that W. M. Ladd could have defeated the fill that is being made on Grand avenue, but that he magnanimously declined to oppose this fill, and is paying a large portion of the cost. E. H. Virgil disputes this position very vigorously. He says that Mr. Ladd and the owners of these lowlands acquired them at a very low price, and in most instances paying scarcely anything for them.

"Now," says Mr. Virgil, "we who purchased property on the solid ground and paid many times more than these lowlands cost, have made improvements that have increased the value of the latter in proportion, without their owners paying out anything like what we have paid. Why should not the owners of these lowlands pay for improving the streets? Why should there be a district formed of solid and high property that has cost the owners a big price in the first place, and on which we have made expensive improvements, to assist the owners of these 'holes in the ground.' I, for one, dispute the statement that Mr. Ladd is doing a magnanimous act in refusing to remonstrate against the fill of Grand avenue. Owners of these lowlands ought to make the fills and pay for them, as they were acquired in the first place for little or nothing. Let us be fair to the people who have spent their money in making substantial improvements all around these lowlands and made them valuable."

COMPLAIN OF POLICEMAN

Two Young Men Declare Patrolman Daly Was Drunk.

Complaint was lodged against Policeman Daly with Captain Slover Saturday by John and Ford Hamilton, two young men living at 931 Savier street, because the officer tried to search them while on a street-car at Twenty-third and Savier streets. The young men remonstrated with Daly, and the policeman started to take them to police headquarters. When getting off the car at Third and Oak streets, Daly is said to have threatened one of them because he had refused the policeman permission to search him. Daly, it is charged, became frightened at his actions, and is said to have offered to let the young men go. They refused and demanded to be taken to police headquarters. Daly left his charges standing in the street and hurried up Stark street to escape the jeers of a large crowd that had gathered. The Hamilton boys made their complaint, and Captain Slover, who during rollcall had not noticed that Daly was under the influence of liquor, left the station to investigate the case.

"POTTER" IN SERVICE.

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PORT COMMISSION READY FOR ACTION

Will Rule on Portland & Seattle's Bridge Application Thursday.

FAVORABLE ANSWER LIKELY

Members Guardedly Admit That the Chamber of Commerce Resolutions Will Have Much Influence on Decision.

It seems certain that definite action in regard to the proposed bridge over the Willamette of the Portland & Seattle Railroad Company will be taken at the regular monthly meeting of the Port of Portland Commission, which will be held next Thursday. Members of the Commission, when seen last evening, said that the matter by that time will have been considered in every detail, and that they will be in a position to bring it to a conclusion. It is expected that J. C. Ainsworth, who has been absent from the city, will return before the day of the meeting and that every member of the Commission will be present.

The members of the Commission are reticent as to what the probable outcome will be. All of them agree, however, that the resolutions favoring the granting of permission to construct the swinging draw bridge, as specified in the original request of the railroad company, will have considerable weight with the Commission as representing the sentiment of a large proportion of the business men of the city.

John Driscoll, who signed the majority report endorsing the project, said that he believed the Commission would take final action at the coming meeting.

"We have considered the proposition from every standpoint," he said, "and I believe that the Commission will postpone action no longer. I could not say what will be done, but of course I am in favor of granting the desired permission. I think that the resolutions of the Chamber of Commerce will have considerable influence with our body."

A. L. Pease was also of the opinion that the resolutions would have much force with the Commission, but would make no prophecy as to what action will be taken. He believed that all of the members are now ready to vote upon the question.

Since the last meeting of the Commission copies of all of the communications on the subject of the bridge have been in the hands of each member of the body, and these, Mr. Pease said, have given the members a clear insight into the problem before them.

"I could give no idea of the outcome of next Thursday's meeting," said P. L. Willis. "It is enough now to say that the Commission is giving the matter thorough consideration and will in all probability be ready to act at that time. I suppose the resolutions passed by the Chamber of Commerce will have some influence with the Commission."

CANNERS VOICE PROTEST

ALASKANS ARE OPPOSED TO FISHERIES BILL.

George T. Myers Tells Wherein He Regards the Proposed Measure as Faulty.

Alaska salmon canners are said to be generally opposed to the bill for the protection and regulation of the Alaska fisheries, for which a hearing before the House committee on territories will be held March 7. A committee of two has been selected to go to Washington and protest against the objectionable features of the bill. It is not believed by some salmon authorities that where the character of the salmon industry varies so materially in the different parts of Alaska they should be treated in the manner outlined in the bill. Objection is also made against vesting any such extensive discretionary powers in the Department of Labor, or any other executive department, as would be done if the bill passed without being amended.

George T. Myers, of George T. Myers & Co., who own a cannery on Sitka Bay, Alaska, in an interview regarding the proposed Alaska fisheries law, said:

"The Alaska salmon industry is a large and important one, and its regulation and preservation cannot be properly provided for without extensive investigation and careful study of the conditions affecting it. These conditions vary materially at different points, and special regulations should be made to fit the conditions of each district. The proposed law in question contains provisions of general application which are entirely inconsistent with the conditions existing in many parts of Alaska, and their enforcement would render unprofitable the operation of salmon traps and result in suspending the operations of many canneries, without effecting a corresponding benefit to the industry. The law also leaves so much of the regulation of the industry to the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor that investments of capital would be unsafe on account of the uncertainty of his action in the premises."

Port Commission Censured.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—(To the Editor.)—I have just read in Wednesday's Oregonian the report of the proceedings of the Port of Portland Commission in regard to Northern Pacific bridge; also The Oregonian's editorial comment thereon.

The moderation of The Oregonian in its treatment of this matter and the seeming lack of interest on the part of the general public is a matter beyond my understanding.

There has not been for years, in Portland, a clearer case of betrayal of public interests in a most shameless and brazen-faced manner than in the course followed by the Port of Portland Commission. At the behest of private interests the rights of the great City of Portland have been ruthlessly disregarded, and unless all indications are misleading, the Board is now organized and controlled by Harriman interests and is opposed to the entrance of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern roads into Portland.

Undoubtedly there are honest, high-minded men on the board, but they seem to be impotent and unable to show results. In any event, honest public sentiment should make itself felt. Recent editorials in The Oregonian have called attention, in the most striking manner, to the spirit of mossbackism and selfishness that have so seriously retarded Portland's development in years past.

M. L. HOLBROOK.

Accused of Embezzlement.

Charged with embezzling $80 from the Jasper grocery store at Thirteenth and Jefferson streets, Leonard Rodley, a collector, was arrested on a warrant last night by Detectives Welch and Murphy. In default of $250 bail he was locked up in the City Jail. Rodley is accused of collecting money for the grocery company and failing to turn it over to his employer.

Pleasure Denied a Princess.

New York Mail.

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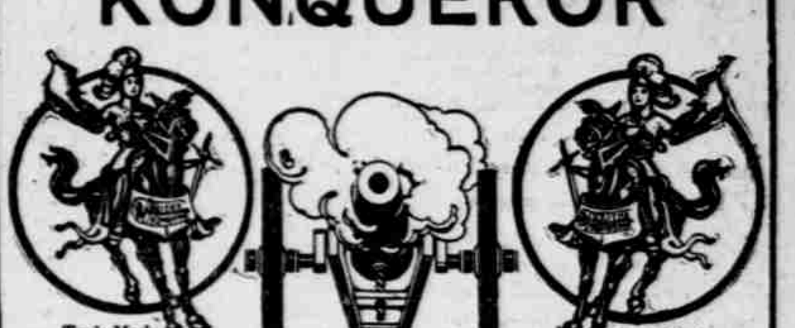

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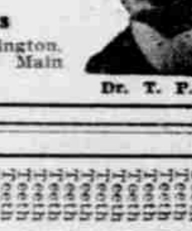

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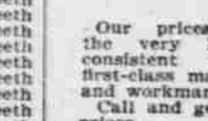

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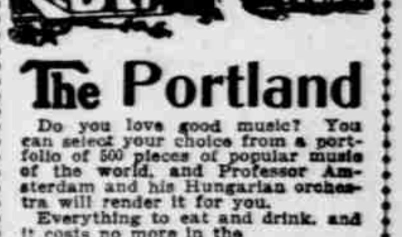

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