OREGONIAN TELEPHONES. erintendent Building.

BAKER THEATER (3d bet. Yambill and Taylor)—Baker Theater Company in "Trilby," tonight at 8:15. EMFIRE THEATER (11th and Morrison)— "The Belle of Japan" Tonight at 8:15. GRAND THEATER (Washington, between Park and Seventh)—Vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M.

PANTAGES THEATER (Fourth and Stark)—
Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30, 9 P. M.

ETAR THEATER (Fark and Washington)—
Allen Stock Company in "Little Lord
Fauntleroy," 2:15 P. M.; "The Sultan's
Daughter," 8:15 P. M.

LYRIC THEATER (7th and Alder)—The Lyric
Stock Company in "Arrah-Na-Pogue";
2:15 and 8:15 P. M.

Stock Company in 2:15 and 8:15 P. M.

To PAVE GRAND AVENUE,—Property owners on Grand avenue, south from Bel-mont street, will not wait for the planking on that street to wear out, but are out with a petition for hard pavement as soon as it can be laid, which will be next soon as it can be laid, which will be next spring. The present planking would last a year more, but it is thought that a hard surface pavement would increase the value of the property. Besides, it will be necessary to get down the hard pave-ment before the proposed opera house is built, which now seems assured. John F. Cordray, who under the proposition to the Cordray, who made the proposition to the property owners to build the opera house, told them that the street must have hard pavement, and he well lighted before the er should be sconstructed. North Belmont street to Sullivan's Gulch. North Grand avenue will be paved in the Spring Grand avenue will be paved in the Spring also. Petitions are out for that purpose. By the time the petition is circulated it is thought that the fill between East Stark and Oak streets will be settled so that it may also be paved at the same time as the remainder of the street. Proceedings will be so timed that the work on Grand avenue may be started early in the Series.

READING ROOM FOR MONTAVILLA.-The Montavilla Home Training Circle, Mrs. H. B. Dickinson president, will establish a permanent reading room in connection with its regular work. At present the Portland Library has a sub-station for-books in that suburb, but until recently it was little used. Now that it has become known that there is a place where books may be had, the people are availing themselves of the opportunity more gen-Mrs. Dickinson says that the circle will endeavor to secure a room where these books from the Portland Library may be kept, in connection with newspapers and current publications. "There are no saloons in Montavilla," said Mrs. Dickinson, "but there are several places where boys congregate and idle away their time. These boys would be at a pleasant reading room if there were such a place provided." She hopes that the parents and citizens generally will sup-port and encourage the project of the circle in establishing this reading room, as the cost will be light and the benefits,

STOLE MOTORMAN'S OVERCOAT.-Thomas Prack, motorman on the Mount Tabor line, was relieved of a new overcoat and gloves yesterday morning while on his first trip out. It was still dark when the car started from Grand avenue for Mount Tabor, with a single passenger. Frack had deposited his overcoat in the vesti-bule of the car, which was dimiy lighted. The passenger alighted at East Thirty-fifth street, and very soon thereafter the overcoat and gloves were missed.

OVERCOME BY GAS.-Gilbert Trueblood was found in an unconscious condition in his room at the Eldora House, Sixth and Irving streets, at 1 o'clock yesterday af-ternoon. He had been overcome by gas, which he is believed to have turned on with suicidal intent. He was removed to the Good Samaritan Hospital, where he quickly recovered. His relatives declare that he did not attempt to take his own life, but the police say he did.

READING CIRCLE WILL MEET.-The La-Reading Circle of Montavilla will tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, se home of Mrs. W. L. Bartlet. It is under the auspices of the Home Training Circle. All women of Montavilla are invited to attend the meeting. Interest-

DEDICATION BALL NEW YEAR'S NIGHT-Woodmen of the World's new temple, Eleventh street, between Washington and Alder; \$350 plano for door prize. See the plano at Eller's plano house. Dr. F. B. Eaton, eye, ear, nose, throat; Macleay bldg., 4th and Washington sts.

AT THE THEATERS

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What the Press Agents Say

LAST TIME TONIGHT.

Delightful Comedy "The Heir to the Hoorah" at Heilig.

The last performance of the delightful comedy, "The Heir to the Hoorah," will be given at the Hellig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, tonight at 8:15 o'clock

## Sainpolis Great as Svengali.

The character of Svengall, the Jew hypno tist, in "Trilby," was never more artistically portrayed than by Mr. Sainpolis at the Baker this week. He even excels his great work as Shylock and of Cyrus Blenkarn in "The Middleman." Trilby, the artists' model, is portrayed by Miss Lawrence. The story—but it is better seen than told.

"A Belle of Japan" at Empire.

Around the character of Titi, in "A Belie of Japan," is woven a story of more than ordinary interest, introducing the present-day types of Japan, together with English and American characters, and the Empire audiences are most enthusiastic over the novelty of this production. The comedy is bright and wholesome. Saturday matines.

"SIS HOPKINS" TOMORROW.

Rose Melville Will Present Famous Character at Heilig Theater.

Beginning tomorrow (Thursday) night and continuing Friday and Saturday nights, with a special matinee Saturday, the elever actress Rose Melville, supported by a cap-able company of players, will present her famous character-comedy success, "Sis Hop-kins." Seats are selling at theater box office for the engagement.

Hoyt's "Milk White Flag" at Baker.

The Baker Company will produce that excruciatingly funny comedy of the late Charles Hoyt, "A Milk White Flag," next week, so that its patrons may start in the New Year with hearty laughter and light hearts. This is one of the best of all the funny plays Hoyt wrote, and the situations have nover been equaled.

"Old Clothes Man" Coming.

The Old-Clothes Man," with its author

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF MacCurdy is a celebrated impersonator of Hebrew characters and as Solomon Levi in this character drama has won laurels. Opening performance next Sunday matines.

Christmas vaudeville is the order of the day at the Grand this week. "Tom and Jerry," a refreshing playlet, presented by Frank Mostyn Kelly and assisted by E. H. Calvert, is the special added attraction. The headline act is the wonderful acrobatic stunts of the three Walseys. Sam and ida Kelly give a rural convedy under the title THE HEILIG THEATER (14th and Washington sts.)—Tonight at 8:15 o'clock. A
comedy, "The Heir to the Hoorah."

BAKER THEATER (32 bet. Tambill and Taylor)—Baker Theater Coupany in "Trilby."

Inthesis of "Si and Mandy." The Frog and the Lizspectacular novelty, "The Frog and the Lizspectacular novelty," have something decidedly new.

#### Star.

Master Harold Hoff, the popular boy singer, is being starred as "Little Lord Fauntleroy" by the Allen Stock Company at the Star Theater every afternoon this week. This is a play which all the children will want to see. At the night performances "The Sultan's Daughter" is the bill, with Miss Verna Felton in the title, part. It is a comedy with a typical holiday spirit. day spirit.

#### Florence Roberts in Two Plays.

The advance seat sale for Florence Ro erts will open next Friday morning, De-cember 28, at box office the Hellig Theater. Miss Roberts will present "The Strength of the Weak" next Sunday-Monday nights, De-cember 30-31 and at the New Year's matince Tuesday. New Year's and Wednesday nights her latest success "Maria Rosa."

#### AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS

#### At the Nickelodion.

"The Life of an American Cowbey" is the picture drama at the Nickelodion for the first half of this week. A stirring story of the frontier, showing the many phases of a cowboy's life, its humor, its pathon; the frontier saloon; the plot; the departure of the stage coach; the attack by the Indiana; the abduction; pursuit and rout by the the abduction; pursuit and rout by the

#### The Holidays at Pantages.

Such throngs as attended Pantages The ater yesterday have rarely if over been seen in Portland. Hundreds were turned away, as the capacity of the big theater could not accommodate all. The attractions are among the best ever put on i Portland, such performers as the Marrons Frank King and the Odessas being among the features. Same bill all this week.

#### "Arrah-Na-Pogue" at the Lyric.

Hundreds were unable to gain admissio to the Lyric yesterday to see the splendle performance the Lyric Stock Company ! giving of Dion Bouncieault's great Irish comedy-drama, "Arrah-Na-Pogue" It is admitted that no better performance of the plece was ever given in Portland. The scenery and effects are all that could be de-

## WITH KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Impressive Ceremonies of Oregon Commandery No. 1.

Promptly at 9 o'clock yesterday morn ing members of Oregon Commandery No. 1, with a large number of visiting Knights, met in Commandery lodge room Masonic Temple, for the observance of the impressive ceremonies incident to Christmas day. These ceremonies are held on Christmas by every commandery in the world. In the United States the eminent commander of each jurisdiction calls his body to order, promptly at the stroke of 12, high noon, Washington, D. ., time. Allowing for difference in time between Washington, D. C., and Port-land, the time that Portland Knights meet in sacred conclave on the great feast day of the Christian calendar is always set for 9 o'clock in the morning. The address of the day was delivered by

George H. Hill, past eminent commander Following the Christmas ceremonies, the officers elect, for 1906-7, were in-stalled by Past Eminent Commander Bryion H. Nicoll. Past Eminent Commande C. F. Wiegand acted as grand marshal. Officers of Oregon Commandery Installed yesterday are as follows: Eminent com-Louis G. Clarke; generalissimo mander, Louis G, Clarke; generalissimo, L. D. Freeland; captain general, D. G. Tomasini; prelate, George H. Hill; Senior STUDY CLASS TO MEET.—The study class of the Council of Jewish Women will meet this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Selling-Hirsch Hall. The meeting was pittock; warder, Hugh J. Boyd; captain of guard J. W. Ferguson; guards, Lones and J. E. Altcheson; sentimates the control of the council of th , H. L. Bancroft; juni nel, F. A. Van Kirk. The musical di-rector for the following year will be S

#### Bullock BRIDE SHOT AT WEDDING

Unknown Man Fires From Darknes When She Appears.

RUTLAND, Vt., Dec. 25.—The officials of Ira, Vt., began today an investigation of the mysterious shooting of Mrs. Mary Parker Gilmore, wife of Charles Gilmore while she was entertaining friends last night at a reception, following her wed-ding. The young bride, hearing voices outside the house and thinking more guests were arriving, went to the door. She saw a group of men a short distance from the doorway and spoke to them, but received no reply. Suddenly, as she stood there, two shots were fired at her in rapid suc-Washington streets, tonight at 8:15 o'clock, if you have not seen this charming play do not overlook this, your last opportunity, as it is a genuine treat for both new and old theater-goers. Seats selling at the theater box office.

Wo show were the darkness, one causing a compound fracture of her arm just below the right shoulder, while the other struck her sister-in-law, Mrs. Henry Gilmore, in the left shoulder. The wound is not severe, but that of the bride is more serious.

No effort was made at the time of the shooting to pursue the assailant but today the officers, acting on a statement made by one of the men who were outside of the house, are looking for Andrew Farrell, a young farmer. The weapon used is said to have been a rifle of large callber, carrying heavy, home-made bullets. The motive for the assault is un-

Mrs. Gilmore is 19 years of age.

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James Kyrle MacCurdy, in the title role, will be produced at the Empire next week under the very first dose. This is what is said the direction of Rowland & Clifford, Mr. by all who try Carter's Little Liver Pills.

# BY STREET CAR

Mrs. J. B. Lavier Meets Instant Death Under the Wheels.

#### HUSBAND FATALLY HURT

Counte Walk Directly in Front of Waverly-Richmond Car-Motorman Weeps Over Mangled Bodies of Victims.

While returning from Christmas fes-tivities at Woodburn and when within 100 yards of their home, 504 East Eighteenth street, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lavier were knocked down and ground under the wheels of a westbound car on the Waverly-Richmond line. Mrs.Lavier was instantly killed and her husband was probably fatally injured. Frank Miller, the motorman, became hysterical

Miller, the motorman, became hystefical and wept on seeing the mangled bodies, though no blame appears to attach to him for the awful tragedy.

George J. Cameron, judge of the Police Court, was present when the accident occurred, and rendered valuable assistance. He secured a lantern, and found the woman's body under the wheels of the forward truck. She was stretched across the track, with her limbs mangled and

forward truck. She was stretched across the track, with her limbs mangled and her head crushed.

Judge Cameron requested the conductor to reverse the car and back up, so the body could be removed. There was the body could be removed. There was no sign of life. Motorman Miller, it was discovered, was standing a block dis-tant, crying. Further search revealed Lavier, who had been hurled from the track and was lying unconscious in the

Judge Cameron called an ambulance, but the officials of the streetcar company ordered the car that struck the couple, No. 346, to carry Lavier to the Good \*Samaritan Hospital with all possible haste. Lavier was attended by Dr. J. J. Panton, who is as yet unable to state the exact extent of his injuries, but the patient's recovery is regarded as

When he regained consciousness, Lavier called piteously for his wife. He was not told that she was dead, as the physicians feared he might not survive the shock of the news.

Coroner Finley went to the scene and took charge of the body of Mrs. Lavier. He made a partial investigation of the He made a partial investigation of the accident, and it is probable that an inquest will be held. There were no eye-witnesses to the accident, with the exception of Motorman Miller, who collapsed and was unable to give any details. All he knew, he said, was that as his car approached. Eighteenth street his car approached Eighteenth street from the east, Mr. and Mrs. Lavier sudienly appeared on the tracks but a few feet ahead of him and were knocked to the ground before he could reverse the current and stop.

It is believed that Mr. and Mrs. Lavler,

who reached Portland from their Christ mas trip to the home of Mrs. Lavier's parents at Woodburn on the evening Southern- Pacific train, alighted at the East Side station and took the Waverly-Richmond car; that they left it at Eighteenth street; and while trying to avoid another eastbound car that was passing, walked directly in front of car No. 346, which they did not see. They had no time to escape and the motorman claims he could not avert the fatal acci

The Laylers had been married five years, but had no children. The hus band had been employed by the Port land Railway, Light & Power Company months. Mrs. Lavler was but 25 years of age. Her parents reached the city last night on the 11 o'clock train.

## ROADS AND CONVICT LABOR

Defense of the Bill Proposed by the Road Commission.

PORTLAND, Dec. 24 .- (To the Editor.) -In an Oregonian editorial Sunday, discussing the bill providing for working convicts on the roads, it is started off with a gross mistake when it says the bill proposes "that \$250,000 be appropriated by the State to defray the expenses of working convicts in such countles as shall first apply therefor."

The last paragraph of Section 3 of the bill says: "Each county shall pay all the expenses incident to taking and keeping all convicts taken by it," and as a mem-ber of the Road Commission, I would like to say that not a cent of the money appropriated is to be available for counties which take convicts for road work. There is no mistaking the bill's pro-

visions (nor the people's wishes) that the laws for all contract work be repealed, and, while I am pleased to have the bill fully and carefully discussed, as are all the members of the commission, it is only fair that we have either a more careful consideration than the editorial of Monday gives, or else the full text of the bill for comparison. It is no more difficult to make equally

It is no more difficult to make equally logical criticism of any good law from a theoretical point of view than is here made of our bill, and when certain features are found to be bad in actual use, they are usually amended. I say this because every point referred to was carefully considered from this viewpoint. It may be true, just at this time, that the work of convicts in the stove foundry is not keeping many free men out of dry is not keeping many free men out of employment, but it is held by many, and we believe it is the belief of a majority, that the principle is wrong, both in fur-nishing a ruinous competition that might at any time work serious harm to free labor, as well as permitting the State's wards to be exploited by a private cor-

As to the board or commission upon whom the administration of the law shall devolve, that was one of the hardest knots we had to contend with. If it is thought one man can do as well as three, there can be no objection to the change. I believe one man would be better if we could get just the right man. There is no mistaking the fact that the success of the plan rests largely with the carrying out of the spirit of the law, and

carrying out of the spirit of the law, and what similar work is otherwise?

If we cannot have men who will build roads instead of grafting politicians at the head of the thing, it will fall. Of that there can be no mistake, and because we believe the considerations that stand out in The Oregonian criticism are used on a new based on granted treatment. such as are based on granted incompetency and disloyalty on the part of boards and commissions, we purposely, and after careful thought, gave the board the broadest possible authority and power. Thus its responsibility is likewise increased, and the public con-

oern more pronounced.
You make no mistake as to the authority of the board over the convicts, and over all that may be avail-able. If road building is to be their principal work we want no clash of authority. The superintendent has able. If road building is to be their principal work we want no clash of authority. The superintendent has powers over only such as are left by

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AN OPEN LETTER

## PROSPEROUS TIMES

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the board. However, the Governor is to appoint the board and it would not seem very difficult to abridge any apprehensions here. The superintendent might be made a member of the board, but if not, it is reasonable to suppose the board would not disre-gard his counsel as to what prisoners

it was best for him to retain.
You say it is absurd that three men should be able to take a convict out for work on the road. It would be equally absurd to say that one man should say they should take none. A more reasonable deduction, it seems to me, would be that the board and the superintendent would consult on these matters and be governed by their better judgment.

Does our critic wilfully make the misstatement that the bill provides that in case a county first applies for all the convicts that are available, and seems prepared to care for and guard them, that there is nothing to do but

them, that there is nothing to do but let them all go to one county, and let other counties go without? I am sure no one could so under-stand the bill. Upon this and other matters on which our critic seems inclined to emphasize an arbitrary and altogether improbable view, the board has full jurisdiction. Every one of these points is to be acted on by the board, and while I admit that the only ceason the bill provides for the board to refuse such requests is that of in-ability to properly guard and care for convicts, still this would likely be used righteously enough to prevent any such injustice as is pictured in

your editorial on this point.

The same applies to the matter of allowing any one county to hog all the crushed rock or road material. No county court on earth would stand out for such improper advantage, and, if any such tendency developed, it is but a minor point that could soon be

While the working of convicts on roads may be said to be still an ex-periment, it may also be said that no state has entered into road work with a determination and purpose to make it the success it should be. For this reason, no doubt, we find laws limited to ruination, and no one could make but a very feeble showing under

We have had and seen enough such efforts, hampered and hedged by in-adequate laws and clashing authority. Convicts can be guarded as safely in one barricade as another. If some can work on roads for the prison au-thorities they certainly could for prison authorities with enlarged operations. If we undertake anything of this kind let it be something worth while. If it is tried and found want-

ing it can be done away.

But let us never begin on a half-baked plan designed at the outset with fear lest it be dominated by political grafters and limited on their account until they could do little else but graft if they would. Let us de-sign it for big men. Then we can interest big men and give them a chance to do things. R. A. HARRIS, Secretary Road Commission.

New Home for Marquette College MILWAUKEE, Dec. 25.—Announcement is made today of a gift of \$110,000, which is to defray the entire expense of the construction and equipment of a new home for Marquette College, to be erected on Grand avenue, the donors being Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Johnston, of this city, in conjunction with their son, the Rev. Robert Story Johnston, of Floris-Rev.

The trustees of the college have offered to change the name to Johnston College, but the Johnstons prefer it to continue to bear the name of the famous missionary.

## General J. K. Hudson Fatally Ill.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 25.—General Joseph K. Hudson is ill at his home here with acute indigestion, and his physicians with acute indigestion, and his physicians state that his recovery is doubtful. General Hudson is one of the best-known editors and publishers in the West. He is at present editor of the Topeka Evening Herald. He was appointed Brigadier-General of Volunteers at the opening of the war with Spain. General Hudson is the father of Paul Hudson, publisher of the Mexican Herald, City of Mexico.

Gift With a String to It.

on the payment by the university of an annuity of 4 per cent on the \$50,000 to the three daughters of Mr. Porter and other survivors. On the death of the last of these sur vivors the sum and any interest that may have accrued passes absolutely to the

university. Send Beresford's Body to England. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 25,-Arrange-ments were made by the Soo Line to have the body of Delaval J. Beresford, which was taken from the wrecked car at Enderlin, embaimed in Minneapolis today. The body will be prepared for transportation to England, awaiting or-

#### ders from his brother, Rear-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford. HOLIDAY RATES.

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