

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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AMUSEMENTS.

HEILIG THEATER (Fourteenth and Washington), Jessie Busley in "In the Bishop's Carriage," Tonight at 8:15. MARQUAM GRAND THEATER (Morrison to "Faintly," Tonight at 8:15. BAKER THEATER (Third, between Yamhill and Taylor)—Baker Theater Company "A Stranger in New York." EMPIRE THEATER (12th and Morrison)—Chic Perkins and company in "For Mother's Sake," Tonight at 8:15. GRAND THEATER (Washington, between Park and Seventh)—Vandevier, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M. PANTAGES THEATER (4th and Stark)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 & 9 P. M. LYRIC THEATER (11th and Adams)—The Allen Stock Company in "Drums Wayne," Tonight at 8:15. Matinee, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, 2:15 P. M. STAR THEATER (Park and Washington)—The King of the Desert, Tonight at 8:15. Matinee Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 2:15 P. M. THE OAKS—(O. W. P. Carline)—Gates open 12:30 P. M. to 11 P. M. Band concerts and free specialties. RECREATION PARK (baseball grounds, Twenty-fourth and Vaughn)—Baseball today, 3 P. M., San Francisco vs. Portland.

CITY OWNS ALL RIGHTS.—Concerning the threatened invasion of the Bull Run water reserve and water rights, Dr. C. H. Rafferty, of the Water Board, says that the Supreme Court of the United States has decided that a river wholly inside the boundaries of a state is entirely under that state's jurisdiction. The Legislature of the State of Oregon has given the City of Portland supreme control over the waters of Bull Run; therefore, he says, the reserve and the river are secured to the city forever and all rights will be maintained. Mayor Lane has said that the matter will be thoroughly investigated and that no one will be allowed to gain a straddling title or foothold there if it is possible for the present city government to prevent.

REVENUE COVERS THEM MONEY.—Three young men who thrashed the neighborhood gandy in South Portland last week, were fined on charges of assault and battery, in the Municipal Court yesterday forenoon. The complainant was Mrs. Johnson and the three boys who beat him were Herman Roper, Charles Paul and Norman Iverson, all over 18. Johnson is 16. It was brought out that the younger boy is a favorite with the girls of South Portland, but disdains to associate with the rude boys thereabouts. The three boys are said to be in the hands of the law, and Johnson's attention is directed to the fact that when Johnson failed to wit in their presence, gave him a severe beating.

DEMENTED WOMAN ARRESTED.—A hallucination that the mother of her own child came true yesterday forenoon, when Mrs. Nettie Tuttle was arrested on a charge of being demented. For some time past the unfortunate woman has been complaining that police officers were hounding her. As the case appeared to be a mild one, it was not reported to the authorities. Yesterday, Mrs. Tuttle was on the street and her actions became such that she was taken to the police station. She will be examined in the County Court today.

WILD DEFEND REFERENDUM.—The United Push Clubs of the East Side are alarmed about the attitude recently taken by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, in seeking to nullify the initiative and referendum laws. President Bolse has appointed a committee of three members to arrange for a monster mass meeting about one month hence. The matter will be thoroughly advertised and all other organizations will be asked to help.

OLD HOME DAY.—Old Home Day will be celebrated tomorrow at Harmony schoolhouse, east of Milwaukie. Dinner and supper will be served and a good program rendered. Among the speakers will be Colonel Robert Miller, George H. Himes, Mrs. Millie Trumbull and Secretary Williamson. Mills will meet interesting visitors at Milwaukie about noon for conference to the place.

WOODSTOCK PUSH CLUB.—A meeting of the Woodstock Push Club will be held tonight in Woodstock Hall, on Woodstock avenue, for the purpose of electing officers, a discussion of the question of annexation to the city and improvement of streets and mail service. All residents of Woodstock and vicinity are earnestly requested to be present.

HOME CIRCLE TO MEET.—The first meeting of the Montavilla Home Circle will be held this afternoon in the schoolhouse at 3 o'clock. At this meeting plans for the Fall and Winter will be considered; also, business connected with the Montavilla library will be transacted. All mothers and others interested are urged to be present.

THIRD CHURCH TEA.—Mrs. Wilson Benefield will give the first afternoon tea of the season for the women of the Third Presbyterian Church and their friends at her new house, East Twentieth and Alder streets, this afternoon. Miss Knight will contribute an entertaining health talk.

NO ADVANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING THE GREAT increase in the wholesale price of umbrellas, we are retreating them lower than ever. Rustproof frames. Repairing and recovering. Meredith's two stores, 312 Washington and 290 Morrison.

PUBLIC RECEPTION will be given by the faculty and the students of the Holmes Business College in the College rooms, Washington and Tenth streets, Saturday evening, September 28, from 8 to 10. Everyone is invited.

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LADIES' SWEATER JACKETS now in. Hewett, Bradley & Co., 344 Washington. ROOMS TO LET.—See Superintendent, room 291 Oregonian building.

DR. SNOWBARGER, Hamilton Bldg.

UNION LABOR INTERESTED

Organizations Will Help Raise Cash for Rose Festival.

Union labor, represented by more than 6000 skilled workmen, will take part in the preliminary arrangements of the great Rose Festival of 1908 at the meeting of the Federated Trades Council tonight. Committees representing the several individual unions affiliated with the Trades Council will be selected either tonight or at a special meeting held within the next few days, and they will join hands with the "Hundred-Thousand-Dollar Squads" which was organized Wednesday night by the ways and means committee of the Festival Association.

This arrangement, it is anticipated, will add close to 500 active solicitors for the great "campaign day" to the 250 that have already been selected and which embrace all lines of business and industry in the city. The lead-

ers of organized labor are to be given a prominent position in the future actions of the Rose Festival Association, for the reason that their influence among the daily toilers is such that they can command much larger appropriations than could any other association or organization.

ALL MUST FILE CLAIMS

Receiver of Closed Bank Urges Depositors to Action.

Many depositors in the closed Oregon Trust & Savings Bank do not seem to understand that they must file affidavits showing the amount of their claims against the bank with Receiver Devlin in order that they may be checked up with the bank records. This step is required, however, and should be taken by all depositors as soon as possible. It is also urged by the Depositors' Association that all creditors of the bank sign for telephone bonds at once, so that the work of reorganization may be effected at the first opportunity. It is pointed out that all who signed a list of Louis J. Wilde immediately after the bank failure, agreeing to take telephone stock, must sign again with the Depositors' Association in order that they may be given bonds for the new list is a different deal from that of Mr. Wilde, who merely sought an expression of depositors on the bond question.

Up to last night, \$260,000 in telephone bonds had been subscribed and it is believed the required amount to warrant the reopening of the bank will be signed for. President Moore is confident of securing the necessary \$300,000 additional cash which will be put into the bank by him and his friends. However, this money is conditional upon the subscription of the telephone bonds by depositors and the taking of \$150,000 in bank stock.

NOT CONFORMING TO THE LAW

Washington Life Outside Pale of State Supervision.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—A communication having been published in yesterday's Oregonian criticizing Secretary of State Benson for alleged negligence in looking after the Order of Washington, a fraternal insurance concern which cannot meet its obligations, Mr. Benson today made the following statement: It appears that the Washington Co-operative Life Insurance Association was incorporated April 14, 1883, and on September 10, 1898, changed its name to the Order of Washington. Further, that by the provisions of an act filed in the office of the Secretary of State February 21, 1891, the Washington Co-operative Life Insurance Association, amongst other kindred associations, was afforded the privilege of conducting its business in this state without complying with the laws of Oregon respecting insurance corporations or associations, and consequently the insurance Commissioner was relieved of the duty of supervising the affairs of such association, or of being in and manner required to report to the insurance Department of this state. "Insurance Agent" should, therefore, have fully advised himself of the laws pertaining to insurance companies, as by his conduct he assumed to be fully advised thereof, before attempting to cast odium on the president of the association, who is very much embarrassed in the discharge of his official duties on account of the insufficiency of the laws of this state in such respect.

If, as stated, the insurance companies and associations are attempting to transact an insurance business in this state and issue special contracts and offer special inducements to policyholders, such as set forth in his letter to the District Attorney of the county wherein he knows such offense is committed, with request that the proper steps be taken to the end that the laws may be fully enforced. General statements are often made by persons interested, but when they are asked to particularize, they fail to do so, and consequently are the ones principally to blame for the failure of the law to accomplish its purpose.

Every request that has been made to the department, where sufficient evidence has been produced, has been referred to the proper official for attention, with the request that he take necessary action, and, therefore, it seems that there is no occasion for the writer to reflect, as he appears to be doing, on the efficiency of the insurance Department of this state.

X-RAY REVEALS BULLET

Surgeons Remove Leaden Pellet From Chehalis Man's Skull.

To carry a bullet in his brain for 12 years and to suffer from epileptic fits at intervals during that time from the pressure of the leaden pellet upon his brain, was the strange experience of William Pieroul, of Chehalis, Wash. Even more remarkable is an operation, just completed at Good Samaritan Hospital, by means of which the bullet has been successfully removed, and Mr. Pieroul is now recovering from the effects of the operation. It is said he will entirely recover. Mr. Pieroul was shot while on a hunting trip, the bullet entering at the forehead and lodging against the skull at the rear of the brain. The accompanying cut shows the location of the bullet, which was found by means of the X-ray.

Options on 25,000 acres of low land, lying along the Columbia River, in the vicinity of Clatskanie, have been secured by R. B. Magruder, of Portland, who hopes to purchase the tract and reclaim it. The land is overflooded during the high water, and its small value in its present condition. Mr. Magruder and his associates believe that dykes and a drainage system will make the tract available for agricultural purposes and greatly increase its value.

The tract lies on both sides of the Columbia, the greater portion of it on the Oregon shore. If it is purchased it will be divided into tracts of from 5000 to 6000 acres and a large amount of money expended in improving it. The entire expense of purchasing and developing the land is estimated at more than \$500,000.

PERSONAL MENTION. George Hartness, of 611 Clackamas street, who has been very ill for the past month, is slowly improving.

CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—(Special.)—Oregon people at Chicago hotels: From Portland—C. E. Barker, James Henderson and wife, at the Auditorium; Ella M. Carille, at the Morrison; W. H. Green, at the Kaiserhof.

From Salem—R. Hartwell, at the Windsor-Clifton; Mrs. H. G. Simkins, at the Saratoga.

From Huntington—A. W. Garrett, at the Grace.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—(Special.)—Northwestern people at New York hotels: From Portland—W. N. Jones, at the Imperial.

From Seattle—S. Rogers, at the Albany; W. L. Dudley, at the Imperial; J. Mitchell and wife, at the Holland; A. W. Bash, Miss K. Pulpan, at the Grand Union.

From Spokane—H. E. Bacon, at the New American.

OREGON LAW COLLEGE.

All applicants are requested to assemble at the business offices of the school, 393-4 Commonwealth building, on Saturday evening, September 28. Dean S. T. Richardson will arrive from Salem to classify and assign the different subjects for the term.

STENOGRAPHY AT NIGHT

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LA CENTER IS FIRESWEPT

BUGLARS PROBABLY STARTED \$30,000 BLAZE.

Postoffice and Contents Destroyed With Business Houses, Dock and County Bridge.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—Fire believed to have been started by burglars led \$30,000 damage in La Center, early this morning. The fire was practically confined to one block and destroyed besides a dock, warehouse, one residence, a portion of the county bridge and several business houses, the building containing the postoffice. Nothing was saved from the postoffice. The individual losses are: Kane Bros., general merchants, \$50,000; Jacob Kamm, warehouse and transportation company's dock, \$5000; Knighon barber shop, \$2000; Postoffice building and contents of office, \$2000; Headley blacksmith shop, \$2500; residence Mrs. Knighon, \$2000; Office saloon, \$3000; county bridge, \$2000. Insurance will not cover the losses.

The fire started shortly after 4 o'clock this morning in the Kane Bros.' store, and within a few hours had destroyed the entire block of buildings and about 200 feet of approach to the county bridge over Lewis River. Opening of the draw saved further damage to the bridge. A vacant block prevented a spread of the fire to the residence portion of the town.

What inclines the authorities to believe the fire was started by burglars was the finding of large quantities of merchandise stowed away on the unburned portion of the bridge. The Sheriff is making an investigation of the suspicious circumstances attendant on the fire.

La Center is a village of 400 people, seven miles northeast of this city. Communication with the town is now made by means of a ford over Lewis River about three miles below the town.

Kane Bros. warehouse is owned by Frank Hobart of Portland.

THIRD REGIMENT REVIEW

Fine Showing Made at the Regular Quarterly Inspection.

Nearly the full strength of the Third Oregon Infantry turned out last night for the quarterly inspection at the Armory and a splendid showing was made by the citizen soldiery. More than 400 men were present, and every man was at his best. There was a parade, review, muster and inspection, followed by regimental and battalion drill, and the regiment went through the various evolutions with the precision which has placed this outfit among the best Guard organizations of the country.

The review was tendered General Charles F. Beebe and staff, former Guardsmen, and the review was the first commanding officer of the Portland regiment, when it was known as the First Infantry. The regiment was inspected by the distinguished guests of the evening, and afterward passed in review. The General took occasion to compliment the regimental commander, Colonel C. E. McDonnell, and his regiment on the soldierly showing made by the regiment. Companies F, B and C made a particularly strong showing. The first battalion was in command of Major F. S. Baker and the second was commanded by Major T. M. Dunbar.

Two real estate transactions involving \$15,000 were closed yesterday afternoon. One of the properties sold is the Uncle Sam Hotel, at the southwest corner of Fifth and Couch streets, and the other is the quarter block for S. Baker at the corner of Front and Columbia streets.

The Uncle Sam Hotel is a two-story frame building occupying a single lot. It was owned by the late J. S. Baker and was purchased by Mrs. Josie McDavitt, of Washington County. The property, which was bought as an investment, lies in a district that is rapidly building up with fine business blocks. The sale was made by C. K. Henry & Son.

The Front and Columbia-street property was owned by Martin Rosenbaum, who is now traveling in Europe and who was represented in the transaction by Ben Seeling. This quarter block is known as the old Haysman property. The name of the purchaser is not announced.

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