

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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AMUSEMENTS

GRAND THEATER (Washington, between First and Seventh) Vaudeville de Luxe. 7:30 and 9 P. M.

PANTAGES THEATER (Fourth and Stark) Continuous vaudeville. 7:30, 7:50 and 9:30 P. M.

THE OAKS—Don Carier's dog, pony and monkey show. Free at 3 P. M. Allen Curtis Medical College. In Airline, at 8:15, free.

CHANGING SITE FOR FACTORY—A two-acre tract on the north side of the O. R. & N. main line in Sullivan's gulch, on East Twenty-sixth street, is being graded out by Contractor J. J. Dryden for the site of the new and larger factory for the Portland Mill Fixture Company.

WILL HOLD MISSIONARY MEETING—William E. Winter, who will go to China as superintendent of construction in the United Evangelical Mission in Honan, is in the city and will speak at the First United Evangelical Church, East Tenth and East Sherman streets, Sunday morning.

ROOKIES STEAL REVOLVERS—Grover Duffey and D. A. Smith, recruits in a local infantry company of the Oregon National Guard, were arrested yesterday afternoon, while trying to dispose of two revolvers which they had stolen from the Armory.

CHEMICAL COMPANY FORMED—At a meeting held yesterday in its rooms in the Alisky building, a company to be known as the Dr. Oliver G. Fletcher Chemical Company, was organized and the following officers were elected: President, Dr. Oliver G. Fletcher; vice-president, John Shillock; secretary, John Shillock.

RIVER WATER IMPURE—That Willamette River water is impure and should not be used for drinking purposes, is said to be a fact, and the city health officer is investigating this with a view to recommending some means of warning people against its use.

SMART HATS FOR SMART HEADS—The Miller hat has always been recognized as the most up-to-date hat for the smart set; fashionably designed, successfully uniting comfort, style and beauty, and is the proper headgear for the well-groomed man.

EXTENSION OF BELMONT STREET—Viewers have been appointed for the extension of Belmont street to Tabor Heights and there are good prospects now that the street will finally be opened to the end of the streetcar line.

WILL ATTEND ASTORIA REGATTA—The City Executive Board, at its session yesterday afternoon, accepted the invitation of George S. Shepherd, admiral of the Astoria regatta, to be present officially during the festivities.

FUNERAL OF R. L. RUSHLIGHT—The funeral of R. L. Rushlight, brother of Councilman A. G. Rushlight, was held yesterday afternoon from Hemstock's undertaking chapel.

OREGON CITY RIVER TRIP—BOAT LEAVES TAYLOR STREET ON SUNDAY 9 A. M., 12 M. AND 3 P. M. LEAVES OREGON CITY 10:30 A. M., 1:30 AND 5 P. M.

AN EVENT OF almost importance is the great house-cleaning sale put on by Rosenthal's, Portland's best shoe store, Seventh and Washington streets.

"HEAVENLY HARMONIES AMID EARTHLY DISCORDS" will be Luther R. Dwyer's theme, in the First Congregational Church, tomorrow at 11 A. M.

DON'T FORGET the excursion to Cascade Locks on the Balley Gaisert, Sunday, for H. Leaves Alder-street dock at 9 A. M. returns 5 P. M. Phone: Main 24. A 5124.

RATE WAR—Steamer Northland sails direct to San Francisco, Sat. eve.; cabin 1st storage; E. berth and meals included. C. H. Thompson, 125 Third street.

COMING TO SEE ORCHARDS

Davis has received a letter from W. P. Stark, of Louisiana, Mo., president of the Missouri State Board of Horticulture, advising that he will arrive in Portland about August 25 for the purpose of inspecting the orchards in this vicinity and meeting with many fruitgrowers and packers as possible.

ARCH IS ORDERED DOWN

The City Executive Board yesterday afternoon ordered the arch of welcome, at Sixth and Irving streets, torn down within 24 days for its violation of the contract price. Against this procedure, P. E. Sullivan, the newest member of the Board, protested vigorously.

Mr. Sullivan raised a protest against the action of the Board on the ground that the arch, which was ordered constructed in time to pay for it and that personally he likes it and would be pleased to have it stand.

In his opinion, Mr. Sullivan said, the action of the Board in letting the contractor pay for the arch and to order it torn down, is not treating the contractor right. He also said it was an injustice to the working men, who have received no wages as yet for their work.

R. L. Sabin and Thomas G. Greene addressed the Board, arguing in favor of the resolution to refuse the arch and to order it torn down. They said the city had no right to enter into the contract, and that the best that could now be done is to refuse to have anything further to do with the arch and to refuse payment.

City Engineer Taylor reported that the arch of welcome had been completed and that it was constructed, speaking generally, according to the plans and specifications. It is not, he said, built strictly along the lines laid down, but would last five years, if cared for.

The arch was first thought of in connection with the Rose Festival, and the association sought the assistance of the City Council in having it built. Plans were submitted and the Council appropriated \$250 for its construction. The Executive Board did not favor the project, nor did Mayor Lane. The latter said at the time that he would prefer to see the money used to clean streets. He vetoed the ordinance appropriating the funds and the Council passed it over the veto.

At yesterday's meeting, when the arch was discussed, Mr. Green and Mr. Sabin said that the Board acted illegally when it entered into the contract. Some are of the opinion that the city is not liable for the money; the individual members of the Board can be held. Mr. Greene volunteered to contribute to a fund to pay the contractors, by which the public funds should not be paid out for the arch.

PLANS FOUR-STORY HOTEL

Eighty Thousand Dollars Will Be Expended on Building With Modern Improvements.

J. M. Toomey, proprietor of the Barr Hotel, southeast corner of Sixth and Irving streets, yesterday effected with S. M. Barr a 25-year lease of the quarter block. Part of this site was occupied by the hotel that was destroyed in the fire July 20 and includes the additional 50 feet to the south.

The Barr Hotel was erected about 17 years ago and was under the proprietorship of Mr. Toomey for the last seven years of its existence. He now intends to erect on the leased 100x100 feet a modern hotel of four stories, complete in all its details, including elevators and up-to-date furnishings.

The plans now being made by Whidden & Lewis, provide for five or six stories on the corner. The dining-room will extend along the Sixth-street front. The plans now being made by Whidden & Lewis, provide for five or six stories on the corner.

NORTONIA HOTEL

Roofgarden, most delightful place to spend the evening—Angela May, vocal selections.

Property Values Doubled. CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 14.—(Special.) County's assessment valuation this year is \$17,850,986, according to the footings made by Assessor A. T. McDonald.

Battle Between Big Bears. NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—Admiral, a 300-pound Russian bear, the Bronx Zoo, made a vicious attack on Mike, a Japanese bear, and had the little bear's throat between his teeth when driven off by keepers. Mike's wounds may prove fatal.

THEATERS AT WAR

Resist Musicians' Demands for Higher Wages.

INSIST ON PRESENT SCALE

Managers Unite to Fight Advance Made on Orpheum and Will Dismiss Orchestras—Pantages Takes Lead.

From all appearances a fine row is brewing between the local Theatrical Managers' Association and the Musicians' Mutual Alliance, otherwise the union. Its full force broke yesterday when the theatrical magnates announced that hereafter they would dispense with orchestras in their various playhouses and would rely solely upon a piano for their overtures, interludes and incidental music.

GREAT GRANDMOTHER AT AGE OF 57.

In the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. William Chambers, of Omaha, Nebr., E. J. Ward, of St. John, becomes a great-grandmother at the age of 57, which is believed to be the record for that distinction in the matter of years in this state.

Mrs. Ward's daughter, Mrs. Albert Glover, of Omaha, is 35 years old. It is her daughter, Mrs. Chambers, 18 years old, who is the mother of the newborn baby. This beats the record of the Omaha great-grandmother, regarding whom newspaper articles were published recently.

SELLWOOD HAS PARK SITE

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be glad if the union should decide to be more reasonable in its demands.

Signor A. De Caprio, director of the municipal band that bears his name and perhaps the most prominent member of the union, takes issue with Mr. Baker and expresses himself very frankly. To a representative of The Oregonian he said:

Says Demands Are Just. "The demands of the union are not at all unreasonable. The requirements at the Orpheum are much greater than at an ordinary vaudeville theater. There are a great many more numbers to be played and the music is much more difficult. It requires a great deal more rehearsal and the duration of the performances are about the same. In San Francisco the Orpheum pays from \$35 to \$45 a week for players and \$50 for leaders, and I think it is the same in Los Angeles. We are not asking so much as that but we ask for pay that is in keeping with the work expected of the musicians. Personally I am not actuated as I have nothing to do with theater orchestras, but I know that the union will stand together to a man in this matter.

"The managers talk about dispensing with orchestras and getting along with pianos alone. I should like to know where they are to get their piano players, as every man in the city who is employed in such a petty job is a member of the union. If they have pianos they must employ scabs, either importing men or taking what they can get. They would forget that the stage mechanics are in a union which is affiliated with the Musicians' Union and that the employment of scab musicians would leave but one course open for these men who run their stages."

"The Musicians' Union has a membership of about 300 and is a considerable factor in the world of organized labor. What the result of the difference will be is a matter that is causing considerable discussion on the streets and in the courts. I am sure that with great interest, John Cort, of Seattle, the big chief of all Western theatrical managers, was in Portland yesterday and it is understood that some of the difficulty in an inquiry way although he declined to discuss it.

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lying between the Willamette River on the west and the line of the O. W. P. Railway Company on the east, a portion of ground consisting of about seven or eight acres, all elevated, drained and almost entirely covered with a beautiful growth of evergreen trees, situated on the bank of the Willamette River for park purposes, being accessible by boat or street railway, and

Whereas, This tract is the only one accessible by river transportation and well situated and advantageously located for public park purposes; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Sellwood Board of Trade, at this special meeting assembled, do hereby earnestly appeal to the said Park Board of the City of Portland to thoroughly investigate and give due and proper consideration in the matter of making a purchase of said above described tract of land for the purpose of converting and improving the same for public park purposes.

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