

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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AMUSEMENTS

HELIG THEATER (Fourteenth and Washington streets)—This afternoon at 2:15 o'clock special matinee; tonight at 8:15, Mr. Dustin Farnum in the Western drama, "The Squaw Man."

ARCHITECTS WORKING PROBLEM—Architects will meet this afternoon at the clubrooms of the Architects' Club, at 2:30 o'clock, and will then proceed to the Skidmore fountain to take measurements.

EXHIBIT OF PAINTINGS—An important exhibition of paintings by Childe Hassam will open this afternoon at the Museum of Art.

CLUB OFFICERS ELECTED—At the annual meeting of the Catholic Young Men's Club, at the clubhouse on Morris street, near Williams avenue, the following directors were elected: D. W. Ward, H. Althoff, J. M. Meyer, D. J. McLaughlin and Dan Duff.

PHILIP METSCHAN HOME RETURNS FROM EUROPEAN TRIP OF 16 MONTHS. Visited Birthplace in Germany and With Part of Family Made Tour of Principal Countries.

CONSIDERS MOUNT TABOR PARK—The Park Board, at its session yesterday morning, voted to hold a joint meeting with the City Council at a near date to fix upon plans for the purchase of ground to the extent of about 150 acres on Mount Tabor, to be used for park purposes.

START ON CHURCH FOUNDATION—Work is in progress on the foundation of an edifice for the First Baptist Church, East Sixteenth and Poplar streets. Concrete blocks will be used for the basement walls, and either concrete or frame construction will be used.

MAT BUILD DORMITORY—Rev. John Cavanaugh, president of the Notre Dame University, has returned East, but Rev. Andrew Morrison, provincial of the Holy Congregation, is still in Portland and is considering the erection of a new dormitory for Columbia University.

NOW THAT THE ELECTION IS OVER and we are assured of four years of prosperity everyone will be looking for safe investments. Hood River land has a great future.

BOARD ASKS FOR LOAN—The Board of Education has authorized Clerk Allen to negotiate a loan of \$50,000 at 6 per cent interest, to carry along expenses incurred in the purchase of a new High School site on the West Side.

SAVE THE DISCOUNT—Send check or pay at office on or before the 15th to save the discount on November bills for the Automatic Telephone. Home phone your long-distance calls to Tacoma, Seattle and way points.

WE WILL CONTINUE our immense sale of furniture, at our factory until 10 o'clock, every Saturday night, until January 1.

REV. A. W. SPALDING, D. D. of Tacoma will preach in the First United Presbyterian Church, corner Sixth and Montgomery streets, tomorrow at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Rev. J. A. P. McGraw, D. D. will preach tomorrow, Topics "The Divine Shepherd" and "Ideals."

SOMETHING BETTER than carpets—hardwood floors, 16 First street, Oregon Floor Company, Main or A 202.

FOR RENT—A few nice offices in the Oregonian building. See Superintendent, room 211.

MAZAMAS ARE INVITED—Rev. Andrew J. Montgomery, of the Third Presbyterian Church, East Pine and East Thirteenth streets, will repeat his lecture on "Mount Jefferson, the Matterhorn of Oregon," next Monday night.

WOULD KEEP ALL BIDS OPEN

CITY ENGINEER TO ELIMINATE "PATENT" PAVING.

Members of Street Committee Say Paving Companies Should Keep Streets Repaired Free.

"The maintenance charge of 2 1-2 cents per square yard for hard-surface improvements for a term of ten years is simply a gigantic graft, for which the paving companies give absolutely nothing in return, and which is getting to be a burden too great to be borne by the people of Portland," declared Councilman Vaughn, chairman of the street committee, at the meeting of the committee yesterday afternoon.

The city should abolish this system and instead make the paving companies guarantee to maintain their work for a period of years at their own expense, and free the taxpayers from this graft now exacted by charter provision; a provision of the most unwarranted kind, and one which is so great that property-owners are groaning under it all the time.

This statement by Mr. Vaughn was followed by the adoption of a resolution by the committee instructing City Engineer Taylor to eliminate the special names of ingredients and copyrighted patent articles from future specifications furnished for hard-surface street improvements by him, so that the contractors can bid in open competition.

Oskar Huber, representing the Barber Asphalt Paving Company and the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, speaking "as a private citizen," declared with Councilman Vaughn that the taxpayers should be relieved of the maintenance tolls, but he prophesied that higher rates for hard-surface streets will be the rule, if the charter provisions are changed, and the companies forced to maintain their own work. He acknowledged that the maintenance fees are nothing more nor less than a big contribution to the paving companies, and said he would be glad to see the change effected.

As to whether they will bid on specifications under the new plan of elimination of the various "patent" names, such as "Warren's bitulithic," "asphalt" or "Hassam," the City Engineer is ordered simply to specify the ingredients, and make it possible for all contractors to bid for the work.

"We can try it this way, and if they refuse to bid, we can order the improvements laid by the city," said Chairman Vaughn. "Then if they enjoin the city we will fight it out in the courts and wait for the result; if the suit goes against us, then we can refuse to have anything to do with the 'patent' paving."

This plan is most radical, and great interest attaches to the outcome. In the past all hard-surface improvements have been specified by name in the City Engineer's estimates, and it is contended by Councilman Kellaker and others that it is discriminatory to law for any of the three "patent" brands to be laid, as the charter is very plain in stating that all bids must be open and competitive.

Philip Metschan, former State Treasurer of Oregon, and proprietor of the Imperial hotel, in connection with his sons, arrived home last night from his first trip to European countries, which he made on his arrival in this country in 1884.

Accompanying Mr. Metschan in his trip abroad, which embraced about 18 months, were Mrs. Metschan, Miss Lillian and Miss Pansy Metschan. Upon arriving on the other side of the Atlantic they first went to Mr. Metschan's birthplace, the village of Schenkingsfeld, in Germany, after which the traveling party made a tour through several countries.

Leaving Germany, they went to Switzerland and visited the principal cities. They then proceeded to Italy, visiting Genoa, Rome, Naples, Florence, Milan and Venice. After leaving Italy they went to Egypt and went up the Nile with a Cook excursion to Assuan, the site of the great dam, the ancient temples and pyramids.

Returning, they came to Vienna, where they spent two weeks and found that Austrian city to be beautiful and interesting. They called on October 17 for the homeward trip and arrived in New York October 25. They left the metropolis October 19 and stopped in Kansas City en route.

Mr. Metschan said that he had an exceedingly pleasant and entertaining trip, but was well pleased to get back to Portland and Oregon, where he expects to end his days. All the Metschans in Oregon were at the Union station to meet the head of the family, including some that had come into the world since his departure.

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United States Circuit Court, announced yesterday that on Monday night he would render a decision in the Oregon King mining case, and that the case would be decided upon its merits. The suit against the Oregon King mine, located in Crook County, was brought by Richard McHabe, who alleges that he furnished the money that grub-staked the locators. He is suing for 4-7 of the property.

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