

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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AMUSEMENTS

HEILIG THEATER—(Fourth and Washington streets)—George M. Cohan's new musical play, "Fifty Miles from Boston," tonight at 8:15.

NEW YEARS OREGONIAN.

Orders for the New Years Oregonian, to be mailed to any address, January 1, will be received at the business office of The Oregonian.

GRANDS OFFICERS ELECTED.

At the annual meeting of Woodlawn Grange, Yestersdays of Husbandry, Saturday night, the following officers were elected for one year.

MUSIC AT TAYLOR-STREET CHURCH.

A feature of the services last night in Taylor-street Methodist church was the rendition of selections from Handel's "Messiah," by Mrs. E. S. Miller, soprano.

FINE MUSICAL PROGRAMME.

At the services last night in Taylor-street Methodist church the musical programme was of exceptional quality.

FUNERAL OF MRS. MABEL JOHNSON.

The funeral of Mrs. Mabel Johnson, wife of Dr. E. D. Johnson, of the city, who died at the home of her father, J. L. Carter, Hood River, was held yesterday forenoon.

ALUMNI WILL ENTERTAIN.

The Alumni Association of the Christian Brothers' College, Holladay's Addition, will entertain in the alumni hall of the college building Thursday night, December 31.

McMILLAN'S ILLNESS BRIEF.

McMillan, president of the Gilmore Club, and head of the George W. McMillan Grain Company, who has been confined to his home for the past five days by a severe attack of the grip, is again able to be about. It was at first feared that he was attacked with pneumonia, and his quick recovery is welcome news to his many friends.

HEAR PAPER ON SOCIALISM.

At the meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association, Rev. A. Minkler, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church will read a paper on "The Church and Socialism." This is the third paper dealing with Socialism which the association has considered and completed the series devoted to that subject.

GIVE CHRISTMAS CANTATA.

The Bible school of the First Christian Church, corner Park and Columbia streets, will hold its Christmas entertainment tonight at 8 o'clock. A Christmas cantata, "Christmas Eve at Grandpa's," will be rendered and a Christmas treat given the children. Members and friends of the church and Sunday school are invited to be present.

GALVANI LEAVES HOSPITAL.

Galvani is now discharged after a severe illness of a week. He left the hospital yesterday. Mr. Galvani is supposed to have been poisoned by something he had eaten. Although still very weak he believes he is on the road to rapid recovery.

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METHODIST MINISTERS TO MEET.

The "Inparolable Sir" is the subject of the paper to be read by Rev. R. C. Blackwell of the Methodist Church, Oregon City, at this morning's meeting of the Methodist Ministerial Association. The meeting will be held in Taylor-street church.

PARTY'S MEETING POSTPONED.

On account of the holidays and the preparations for the week of prayers which begins next Monday, the Presbyterian Ministerial Association will not hold its regular weekly meeting this morning.

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AT THE THEATERS

"FIFTY MILES FROM BOSTON" AT THE HEILIG.
Joe Westcott, W. Douglas Stevenson, Nathan Westcott, Charles Willard, Dave Harrigan, Walter P. Richardson, Tim Harrigan, Joseph M. Sparks, Moselle, Eddie Mastey, James Helton, Pat Woods, Thomas Emory, Jed Boy, Russell Pincus, Foreman Brookfield, Rose.

"ARE YOU A MASON" AT THE BUNGALOW.
Frank Perry, Sydney Ayres, Norah, Lucile Webster, Ernest Morrison, James Gleason, George Fisher, Howard Russell, Hamilton Travers, Earl D. Davis, E. C. Perry, Nettie Jewel, Annie, Maribel Seymour, Amos Bloodgood, William Dillis, Mrs. Caroline Bloodgood, Mrs. Lulu, Rhoda Mitchell, John Halton, William Gleason, Fanehan Armitage, Hazel Jewel, Policeman, Ronald Bradbury, Mrs. Halton, Louise Kent.

BY ARTHUR A. GREENE.
THAT Portland likes the George M. Cohan brand of entertainment was again demonstrated last night when one of the largest Sunday night audiences which ever assembled in the Heilig applauded "Fifty Miles from Boston" to the echo.

THOSE who have seen "Are You a Mason" need not be told what fun it is to witness the efforts at dissemblance practiced by the married men of the play on their unsuspecting and trusting audiences.

Freshly shaven and drawing some comfort from his pipe, at which he puffed indignantly, Finch, in his cell in the County Jail last night, looked upon the points in his trial on which he bases his hope that the charges of murder in the first degree will not be sustained.

This holiday season, when all men would be so happy, good-natured and inclined to be hypocritical, it seems harsh to say an unkind word; but despite the fact that the past few weeks made strenuous demands on the members of the Baker Stock Company, and with Christmas coming in to disconcert, still it is a pity that more time might not have been devoted by the lines and business of this funmaker before called upon to give it a public presentation.

Finch expresses hope that there has been sufficient testimony on these points to prove conclusively that he did not walk in and deliberately murder Mr. Fisher while the latter was still seated in his chair, as has been testified to by Miss Burkhardt.

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Finch believes that testimony on these points beyond a doubt that Miss Burkhardt was mistaken in her story. He declares that a close examination of the bullet-holes and the position of the body of Mr. Fisher after the shooting will show it would have been impossible for him to have fired at Mr. Fisher as described by Miss Burkhardt.

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"You tell the public for me," began Finch, "that Ralph B. Fisher was not murdered in cold blood. I want to say this to the public because I feel that they have been prejudiced against me. I did not talk and tell all I knew at first because my instincts as an attorney told me that the courtroom would be the proper place to bring out the truth. Perhaps because of this, points against me have been made stronger than they really are and points for me have been put in the background."

It has long been a matter of speculation as to why they do. Some of our most learned savants and moralists have pondered the matter prayerfully and arrived at no one single conclusion. It has remained for a melodramatic author, by name Fred Summerfield, to explain the mystery. Whoever Fred Summerfield is nobody knows, but whoever and wherever he is, it is to be hoped that he is reasonably well-informed on the subject. His explanation of the world's this masterpiece of dramatic literature. If the distinguished author overlooked anything in the melodramatic line, it is not apparent, for this play opens with a bang and keeps the audience in a state of suspense.

"I am confident of a victory. The burden of the proof rests upon the state. As to the remainder of the trial we have every reason to believe that the testimony of Miss Burkhardt will be weakened materially. I am looking at it from the standpoint of an attorney now, not from that of a defendant. If I was defending a man in whose case the evidence was as conclusive and pointed as in this case, I'd expect acquittal on the first ballot. The prosecution's story is contrary to fact and full of holes throughout. The evidence introduced by one witness for the prosecution relative to the time elapsing between the time I left the elevator and the time the two lower floors were almost entirely ruined before the fire was put out."

"Why Girls Leave Home" at the Star.
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"I think I have a fair jury and I don't believe that they will be prejudiced against me by all the talk since my arrest. But in the few days of public sentiment during the past four or five days, I have noticed it in expressions which have been made to me by visitors and it has come to me through my attorneys who have repeated remarks overheard in the courtroom. You must also take into consideration the fact that I have labored under general adverse conditions. My wife's illness has been a great source of uneasiness to me, we were forced to go to trial without two important witnesses and I was brought into court without a great deal of time being allowed my attorneys to prepare the defense."

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"We are unable to account for the failure of E. J. Watts to appear as a witness. I never saw or talked with him, but I understood that he would have made a great deal stronger line of testimony given by Kinsinger. Taken together the testimony shows conclusively that there was a struggle in Fisher's office. The testimony of District Attorney Cameron, I believe, was more in my favor than in the favor of the prosecution. He said that when he first saw me in the City Jail he thought I was drunk, whereas the prosecution proved by a sober. As a matter of fact I don't remember seeing Mr. Cameron at all."

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