Dressed Dolls or Other Toys to Be Fee at Baker Theater Tomorrow Afternoon.

PRODUCERS DROP ROYALTY

New York Play Brokers Donate Use Drama, "Ready Money." to Aid Portland Charity-Auction Brings In \$115.

Even in the rush and turmoil of "Bundle day," the Muts found time to get out and "whoop things up" to attract public interest to the "Toyland matinee" to be held tomorrow at the Baker Theater, and to the preparations they are making for the big Christmas tree for the poor of the city in the Armory the day before Christmas.

Headed by the Elks' band the Muts paraded the principal streets at noon and then went to the Baker Theater, where Alice Lloyd, the English commedienne, auctioned two dolls for the benefit of the Muts' fund. The first doll, after having been sold to Guy

W. Talbot for \$25, was reauctioned to W. M. Davis and City Attorney La Roche, bringing an additional \$25. The second doll was auctioned soveral times also and brought in \$70. An Elk willow hand-counted by Mrs. W. H.

second doll was auctioned several times also and brought in \$70. An Elk pillow, hand-painted by Mrs. W. H. Daughtrey was auctioned for \$15.

The matinee at the Baker Theater tomorrow, to which the admittance charge will be dressed dolls and toya, is expected to furnish toys and dolls enough to dress the Christmas tree in the Armory and to give a toy to every poor child in the city. At the "Toyland matinee" only dressed dolls will be accepted.

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Even the playbrokers in New York are having a hand in the donations that will make this matinee a success.

George L. Baker telegraphed Sanger

George L. Baker telegraphed Sanger & Jordan, playbrokers, asking use of the play, "Ready Money," which the Baker Company will appear in, and informing them of the object of the matinee. Here is the reply:

George L. Baker, Baker Theater, Portland, Or.: Regarding one special matinee performance of "Ready Money" for Muta' charity Christmas tree to be given by your company at Portland on December 17, the author, James Monigomery, and we ourselves, being joint owners, gladly contribute use of the play without royalty for said performance. Good luck to the cause, Kindest regards.

The telegram, by the way, came pre-The telegram, by the way, came pre paid, too.

Not one single item in connection with the performance tomorrow after-noon is to be deducted from the receipts and every cent from the sale of tickets, every toy contributed for tickets, will go direct to the charitable cause. The theater, services of the players and employes of the Baker, the play and all advertising, as well as every other expense, have been donated.

The Ladies of the Elks have taken most active interest in the matinee and, all in all, it promises to be one of the most important and novel performances ever given in Portland in the interest of charity. The performance will start at 2 P. M.

PETITION ACTION TODAY

ered Not in Power of City.

Resolutions, adopted by an organiza.

Arista De Paula, of Empress, and Laurle
tion of unemployed asking that the city
issue scrip for the benefit of the unemployed and that steps be taken to
sinstically Help Clubwomen. employed and that steps be taken to prevent the immigration to the United States of poor foreigners, will be sent to the City Council this morning by City Commissioner Brewster with recommendations that nothing be done by the city because of lack of power or jurisdiction to assist in any way in the things asked. The resolutions were referred to Commissioner Brewster a week ago.

In his report, Mr. Brewster recommendations the Hotel Benson, where Mrs. Katherine Live and the Hotel Benson, where Mrs. Katherine Live and the Hotel Benson, where Mrs. Katherine

3711 Inheritance Assesment Each.

Inheritance taxes were reported to the State Treasurer yesterday by the County Court in the case of four sepa-rate estates where heirs must pay substantial sums.

In the estate of Francis I. McKenna the widow, Laura, must pay \$711, and a son, Coe A. McKenna, an equal amount. In the estate of Nils C. Tochle amount. In the estate of Nils C. Tochle the widow, Agnette A. Tochle, must pay an inheritance tax of \$60. John S., Edward E., and Harry J. Kingsley, nephews, and Kate and Carrie Kingsley, nieces, of the late John A. Sloan, in whose will they are named as beneficiaries, must each pay an inheritance tax of \$76. Amanda L. Stanley, widow of J. C. Stanley, is taxed \$9 on her inheritance.

C. Gee Woo, a Chinese doctor, was tried before Judge Dayton in District Court yesterday on a charge of having practiced medicine without a license, found gullty and fined \$50. The case was pressed by the Oregon Hygiene Society and Deputy District Attorneys Mowry and Robison prosecuted the accused.

W. B. Shafer, convicted of having driven an auto faster than the legal 25 miles on a county road, was fined \$10. A. E. Lumsden was also convicted of speeding, but in view of extenuating circumstances, his fine of \$15 was remitted.

Conditions in 1916.

These reports were given at the roll who were arraigned yesterday before its your business? How does it compare with last year's? How is the outlook for 1915?

Each member was allowed 15 seconds in which to fire the cold facts at his fellow club members and all were asked to give a condid report.

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MUTS MARCH TO INTEREST PUBLIC IN CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.



1-ELKS BAND HEADING THE PARADE. 2-ALICE LLOYD, WHO AUCTIONED BOLLS AT THE BAKER AFTER THE PARADE. 3-AUTOMOBILE OF MUT OFFICIALS AND AUXILIARY COMMITTEE.

Resolutions of Unemployed Consid- MARY EDGETT BAKER MAKES GOOD SHOWING FOR CAUSE.

his report, Mr. Brewster recom- Daly was chairman of the booth. Miss mends 'that, as the petition requests a change in the immigration laws and the issuance of scrip, both of which are not within the power of the city, the petition be placed on file."

Daly was chairman of the booth. Miss Baker charmed men and women allike who bought Christmas seals from her.

Miss Areta De Faula, of the Emperial, and most within the power of the city, the petition be placed on file."

Miss Areta De Paula, of the Empress, sold seals at the Imperial, and Miss Laurie Ordway, of Pantages, worked successfully at the noon hour in the Hotel Multnomah. The dainty, attractive actresses were delighted to be able to assist in the good cause. They had a pleasant word or an apt reply for all who approached them.

Miss Baker worked diligently all afternoon, having canceled an important

J. P. Trant, British Vice-Consul at Portland, has received copies of two letters compilmenting and thanking the residents of Oregon for their generous donations to the British Red Cross fund and the Prince of Wales' National relief fund. The money was raised by a benefit given at the Heilig Theater and private donations. One letter comes from Sir Robert Hudson, chairman of the finance committee of the British Red Cross Society, and the other from C. Arthur Pearson, the noted publisher, who is honorary secretary of the Prince of Wales' National relief fund.

The letters were written to W. J. Burns, chairman of the executive committee.

TAXES ON 4 ESTATES SET

Mrs. McKenna and Son Must Pay 3711 Inheritance Assesment Each. alumnae committee, whose members will be stationed in 10 booths.

MEMBERS OF ROTARY CLUB HANG LAST PESSIMIST IN TOWN.

Each One at Luncheon Asked Whether Business Is Better or Worse and

Only Three Report Decreases.

CHINESE DOCTOR IS FINED
C. Gee Woo Guilty of Practicing
Without License Must Pay \$50.

Out of 100 members representing 180 different lines of business in Portland, only three reported decreases in their business of the past year as compared with the year preceding at the luncheon of the Rotary Club yesterday. The others announced increases and the outlook good for still better conditions in 1915.

These reports were given at the roll.

SEALS BRING IN \$250 in Portland for saying that times will be as hard next year as they were this year. After he was hanged the man was taken down and nailed in a coffin under the direction of A. L. Finley.

M. G. Winstock then gave a stirring prosperity talk

prosperity talk, All the speakers expressed their be-lief that the present month marks the turning point toward a year of great business prosperity.

Council to Ask Legislature to Change Several Provisions.

street and sewer work in Portland is way to San Francisc handled, the City Commission will ask Mr. Neilson is particularly interested the Legislature to amend the act.

ment, where the amount of the assess-ment is less than \$25. Assessments under that sum must be paid in cash. The Council would permit property owners to bond for any amount over \$10. The act at present gives the prop-erty owner 10 days in which to file no-tice of intention to bond the property instead of paying cash for improve-ments. The Council would give the property owner 20 days' grace.

The act prohibits issuance of any im-provement bond in a greater denomina-tion than \$500 and provides 6 per cent interest. The Council would permit issuance of \$1999 bonds and leave the rate of interest to the judgment of the

WAR TAX HITS GUM BOX Penny-Slot Machine Useless Under

Exit the penny-in-the-slot gum vendng machine

The war tax has driven them out of

business.

Hereafter, under provisions of the war-tax law, all gum must be sold from the open box and the box must not be destroyed until after the last plece has been sold.

As the nature of the machines requires that the gum be entered into them without the box, further use of machines would constitute a violation

nachines would constitute a violation So owners of the vending machines explain. And some machine-owners are much discouraged about it. Even the smallest machine costs \$10. They will be useless and unproductive of profits so long as the tax law remains in effect. Glass cases used for gum also must go unless the original package of gum is placed therein.

The law requires a stamp of 4 cents The law requires a stamp of 4 cents on every \$1 box of chewing gum.

SAXES TO PLEAD TODAY Father and Son to Answer Charges

of Plotting to Fire Store.

WAY TO PANAMA FAIR.

to Buy if You Don't Buy From

Neil Neilson, of Sydney, Australia, trade commissioner for New Zealand and some of the Australian provinces To eliminate hardships occasionally and special representative from Ausbefalling property owners due to the tralia to the Panama-Pacific Exposi-Bancroft bonding act, under which all tion, was in Portland yesterday on his

in the extension of trade relations be-The Bancroft act makes it possible tween Australia and the United States. for any property owner to bond his property for a street or sewer improve-ment, he explains, but does not apply ment, he explains, but does not apply the term "reciprocal" to the tariff. "Trading between nations," he says,

"must be done on the same basis as trading between individuals. Exchange of money is not necessary, in fact, is undesirable. "We are willing, if we sell goods to



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A JESSE FRENCH PIANO

A Christmas Present for Somebody

In addition to the first prize, we are giving many lesser prizes. Every contestant gets a present. The young can work it as well as the old.

Contest closes December 21 (midnight). Awards wil be delivered or mailed before Christmas.

Read the Instructions Carefully

Take a number from seven to fifteen inclusive. Do not use any number more than twice. Place one number in each of the squares so that when they are added perpendicularly and horizontally the total will make thirty-three. For the neatest correct answer we are giving absolutely free as our first prize a beautiful \$400.00 Jesse French Piano, and our lesser prizes are described more in detail here-after. All prizewinners will be notified by mail the date following the closing of the contest. All prizes must be called for within 10 days after the date of the closing of contest. If you prefer to use the puzzle diagram on this sheet it is permissible to do so. Only one person in a family can compete. The winner of the first prize in this contest receives the \$400.00 Jesse French Piano absolutely free. At the same time, if he prefers, he may select a player piano and the \$400.00 earned as first prize may be applied to the purchase of a player piano.

This contest has for its principal purpose the advertising of the special makes of the Reed-French Pianos. Experience has shown that it pays to throw a lot of advertising momentum into a piano sale, for its brings business at a much less average cost. The great desire of the piano dealer is to minimize selling expense as much as possible and this can be done usually by crowding a lot of business into the

This contest will bring us before the public in such a way that our Holiday business will be immensely increased. Besides this increase of business, we will have acquainted thousands of people with the Reed-French Pianos.

We will also have indelibly impressed upon the public location of the Reed-French store-Tenth and Stark streets.

In addition to the first grand prize—the Jesse French \$400.00 piano—every contestant will receive, according to the merit of his solution, a Credit Certificate applying on the purchase price of any new instrument we carry; these certificates varying in amounts from \$25.00 to \$125.00.

Think of it! If you solve the problem correctly you will receive a substantial reward, and it depends entirely on you whether it will be the \$400.00 Jesse French Piano or one of the lesser prizes.

WORKING THE PUZZLE

YOU MAY USE THIS FORM, IF YOU LIKE, FOR

To insure absolute impartiality in the awarding of the several prizes connected with this contest, we will announce before the final award the names of three well-known citizens of Portland to act as judges of the contest. Their reputation is such that you will not question in the least the fairness of the

Description of the Prize Piano to Be Given. Absolutely Free to the Winner of the First Prize.



This piane is made by the Jesse Frence & Sons Piano Company, Newcastle, Indiana. It is the best product of this well-known factory. The case design is Colonial, and the wood is a beautiful San Domingo mahogany. All that care and skill can do to provide richness of tone and elegance of case has been done to make this piano a work of art. It is a prize worth while!

CONTEST CLOSES DECEMBER 21, 1914, AT MIDNIGHT.

Send your solution by mail or bring it to the store, and be sure and remember the date the contest closes. The terms, conditions and purpose of this contest are fully stated herein. In event, however, you want further information, we will glady furnish it to you by phoning us, Main 1252 or A-1252, or by calling on us, or by letter. In either instance your inquiry will receive our personal attention.

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to buy from you if you don't buy from Jefferson High School them." is his philosophy.

BANQUET TO HONOR CAST Benson Fete Tonight for Members

of "First Lady of Land." In honor of the members of the cast of "The First Lady of the Land," the

owing are the members of the cast and the state, who will benefit by Within a few days another state. be had at Ellers Music House

America, to take out our balance in trade in American goods. If America Joy, Neal Gulovson, Earl Murphy, buys wool, for instance, from us, we are glad to get back lumber or manufactured cloth."

Mr. Neilson says they don't practice the "Made in America" programme.

"You can't expect foreign countries "You can't expect foreign countries" and Hopkin Jenkins, principal of the Joy, Neal Gulovson, Earl Murphy, Ralph Reid, James Christiansen, Walter (Inchange of the local work. Food-stuffs of a monetary value of about \$100,000 are necessary to fulfill Oregon's share of the shipload, for 3500 tons are needed.

The American commission for relief has if a heaving and Hopkin Jenkins, principal of the Selgians has received numerous contributions from Portland. This

of Shipload Reported.

The work of filling one-half of the gium. steamship Washington with food supplies for the relief of the Belgians is of "The First Lady of the Land," the official February '15 class play of the Jefferson High School presented the jefferson High School presented the irst part of this month, a banquet will be given in the Crystal Room of the Benson Hotel tonight. Covers for 24 have been arranged.

The play was a decided success and almost \$300 was secured for the monument and class "Spectrum" fund. Following are the members of the cast and lowing are the members of the Land, the state, lower been secured by those in charge of the work here. Co-operating with C. Henri Labbe, Belgian Vice-Consul, Samuel Hill and Theodore B. Wilcox, Oregon state committee executives appointed by the tenor, assisted by W. W. Allen, violinist. This evening at S. Eiters Recital Hall, Eilers Building, Broadway the state, be had at Eilers Music House. progressing rapidly, and many tons of foodstuffs already have been secured

contributions from Portland. This fund is being solicited by a committee FOOD FOR BELGIANS COMES of newspaper men and bankers of New York City with headquarters at 68 Prompt Response to Make Up Share asked for this fund from everyone who can spare that amount. A nation-wide response is being converted into flour and foodstuffs to be sent to Bel-

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