

TOYLAND MATINEE WHIPPED BY MUTS

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

PRODUCERS DROP ROYALTY

New York Play Brokers Donate Use of 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...

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 comedienne, auctioned two dolls for the benefit of the Muts' fund...

The matinee at the Baker Theater tomorrow, to which the admittance charge will be dressed dolls and toys is expected to furnish toys and dolls enough to dress the Christmas tree in the Armory for the city's poorest poor child in the city...

Not one single item in connection with the performance tomorrow afternoon is to be deducted from the receipts and every cent from the sale of tickets, every cent contributed for tickets, will go direct to the charitable cause...

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.



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SEALS BRING IN \$250

MARY EDGETT BAKER MAKES GOOD SHOWING FOR CAUSE.

Arlita De Paula, of Empress, and Laurie Ordway of Pantages, Also Enthusiastically Help Clubwomen.

Approximately \$250 was received yesterday from the sale of Red Cross seals conducted by the Portland Woman's Club. A specially good record was made by Miss Mary Edgett Baker...

Miss Arlita 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.

English Express Thanks Letters Come From Officers of Funds Helped by Oregonians.

J. P. Trant, British Vice-Consul at Portland, has received copies of two letters complimenting and thanking the residents of Oregon for their generous donations to the British Red Cross fund and the Prince of Wales' National relief fund.

TAXES ON 4 ESTATES SET

Mrs. McKenna and Son Must Pay \$711 Inheritance Assessment Each.

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

177 OF 180 FIRMS GAIN

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.

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.

CHINESE DOCTOR IS FINED

C. Gee Woo Guilty of Practicing Without License Must Pay \$50.

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 guilty and fined \$50.

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.

MUTS MARCH TO INTEREST PUBLIC IN CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.



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TRADE VIEWS ARE GIVEN

NEW ZEALAND COMMISSIONER ON WAY TO PANAMA FAIR.

"You Can't Expect Foreign Countries to Buy if You Don't Buy From Them" Is His Philosophy.

Nell Neilson, of Sydney, Australia, trade commissioner for New Zealand and some of the Australian provinces, and special representative from Australia to the Panama-Pacific Exposition, was in Portland yesterday on his way to San Francisco.

Mr. Neilson is particularly interested in the extension of trade relations between Australia and the United States. He is in favor of a reciprocal arrangement, 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 America, to take out our balance in trade in American goods. If America 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 Australia" policy extensively in that territory, and is not enthusiastic over the "Made in America" programme.

BONDING ACT DISLIKED

Council to Ask Legislature to Change Several Provisions.

To eliminate hardships occasionally befalling property owners due to the Bancroft bonding act, under which all street and sewer work in Portland is handled, the City Commission will ask the Legislature to amend the act.

The Bancroft act makes it possible for any property owner to bond his property for a street or sewer improvement, where the amount of the assessment 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 property owner 10 days in which to file notice of intention to bond the property instead of paying cash for improvements. The Council would give the property owner 20 days' grace.

The act prohibits issuance of any improvement bond in a greater denomination than \$500 and provides per cent interest. The Council would permit issuance of \$1000 bonds and leave the rate of interest to the judgment of the Council.

WAR TAX HITS GUM BOX

Penny-Slot Machine Useless Under New Law.

Exit the penny-in-the-slot gum vending 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 piece 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 of the Federal law. 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 on every \$1 box of chewing gum.

SAXES TO PLEAD TODAY

Father and Son to Answer Charges of Plotting to Fire Store.

L. Sax and Sam Sax, father and son, who were arraigned yesterday before Judge McGinn to answer to indictments charging arson, were allowed until this afternoon to plead. The two are accused of having conspired and set a fire in a store belonging to them at 205 First street and thereby defraud insurance companies.

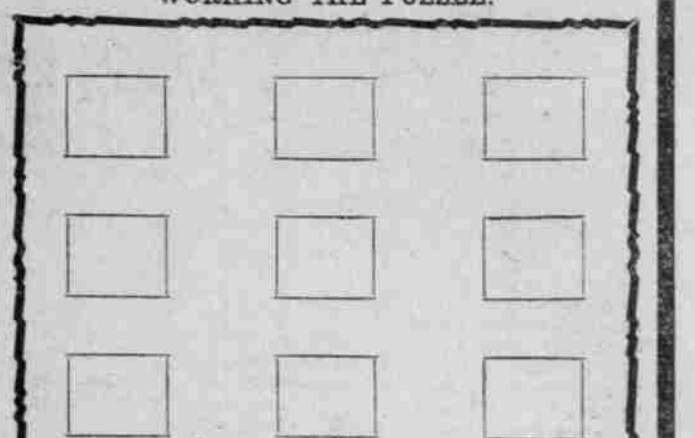
J. W. Rochon, lately indicted on a charge of having obtained money by false pretenses, was allowed until Friday to plead, and the same date was set for receiving the plea of Pang Sang Yung, a Korean, charged with forgery. George Collins, accused of burglary, will also plead Friday.

A JESSE FRENCH PIANO FREE

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 will be delivered or mailed before Christmas.

Read the Instructions Carefully. YOU MAY USE THIS FORM, IF YOU LIKE, FOR WORKING THE PUZZLE.

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 hereafter. 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 the contest.



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 shortest time.

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.

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 gladly furnish it to you by phoning us, Main 1262 or A-1262, or by calling on us, or by letter. In either instance your inquiry will receive our personal attention.

REED-FRENCH PIANO MFG. CO. TENTH AND STARK STREETS

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 decision.

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



This piano is made by the Jesse French & Sons Piano Company, Newcastles, 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!

FOOD FOR BELGIANS COMES

Prompt Response to Make Up Share of Shipload Reported.

The work of filling one-half of the steamship Washington with food supplies for the relief of the Belgians is progressing rapidly, and many tons of foodstuffs already have been secured by those in charge of the work here. Co-operating with C. Henri Labbe, Belgian Vice-Consul, Samuel Hill and Theodore E. Wilcox, Oregon state committee executives appointed by the American commission for relief in Belgium, are finding a willing response from residents of Portland and the state.

Within a few days another statement of receipts will be made by those in charge of the local work. Foodstuffs 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 its headquarters at 71 Broadway, New York. The dollar Christmas fund for homeless Belgians has received numerous contributions from Portland. This fund is being solicited by a committee of newspaper men and bankers of New York City with headquarters at 64 Broadway. Contributions of \$1 each are asked for this fund from everyone who can spare that amount. A nationwide response is being converted into flour and foodstuffs to be sent to Belgium.

The highest tuition is what a man pays for the time devoted to learning to smoke.

A Complimentary Recital

A record recital; John McCormack, tenor, assisted by W. W. Allen, violinist. This evening at 8, Ellers Recital Hall, Ellers Building, Broadway at Alder. Complimentary tickets may be had at Ellers Music House.

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 official February '15 class play of the Jefferson High School presented the first 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 February '15 class who will benefit by the banquet: Prentiss Choate, Kenneth Joy, Neal Gulovson, Earl Murphy, Ralph Reid, James Christensen, Walter Peterson, Harry Wilson, Roger Holcomb, Donald Clark, Fred Reynolds, Marie Beach, Mary Dunbar, Dorothy Flegel, Vera Tichenor, Josephine Ritter, Doris Mace, Eleanor Van Buskirk, Emma Kirchner, Leona Whitney, Mrs. Edna May Bush, Miss Lena Nealand and Hopkin Jenkins, principal of the Jefferson High School.

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