

STAGE IS SET FOR AUDITORIUM START

Ceremony of Breaking Ground for \$600,000 Building to Be Held at 12:30 Today.

GIRLS ARE TO OFFICIATE

Main Hall to Be Equipped with Stationary Chairs, with Provision for False Floor Above Them, to Provide Exhibit Space.

Portland's \$600,000 auditorium—the construction of which, to paraphrase and vaudeville artists attempting a little legal touch, has been synonymous with the millennium—will receive its first boost toward speedy completion today.

Two score pretty girls with shining shovels at 12:30 will dig up the first clods in the Market block, while city officials, business men and the general public applaud speeches, music and other details of the ceremony over the labored breathing of steam shovel will be heard and the work of excavation will be under way.

Civic organizations of the city will be on hand to see that the ground-breaking is carried off in a manner befitting the city of which they are so proud. Most of them will be represented by scores of young women who will have the honor of first digging in preparation for the building in which Portland's great civic gatherings of the future will be held.

Ceremonial is Planned. There will be speeches by Mayor Allen, George L. Baker, C. C. Colt and others. There will be music by the police and firemen's bands. There will be special features, the Progressive Business Men's Club and Ad Club having maintained strict secrecy with regard to the "stunts" they intend to sponsor for.

In six weeks the excavation will be completed and ready for work on the superstructure. Aside on the general building contract and plumbing will be opened by the Commissioners February 18, and tenders for the bonds will be opened three days later. The contract will be awarded and the bonds sold before the end of the month. Bonds totaling \$22,900 have already been sold. Wiring and heating contracts will not be awarded until after the building is under way.

Fine Organ Proposed. The building will cover the entire block between Market, Clay, Second and Third streets. The exhibit will be approximately four stories. The Oregon Historical Society and the Portland Museum will have a permanent home in the auditorium. The stage will be large enough for the greatest grand opera productions. Every effort will be made to have the complete in the big hall perfect. The organ will cost at least \$25,000. The floor of the auditorium proper will be provided with opera chairs. Seats will be reserved in the floor, and provision made for a floor raised above those which by the addition of raised canyons or other floor covering will be converted into a dance floor or exhibition room.

The organizations which will take part in the ceremonies today include the following: Board of Commerce, Progressive Business Men's Club, Ad Club, Monday Musical Club, Daughters of the Confederacy, Chamber of Commerce, Young Women's Christian Association, Portland Club, Realty Board, Third-street Business Men's Club, and Manufacturers' Association.

SOCIETY

SOCIETY will rally today to the assistance of one of the most worthy organizations of the city—the Visiting Nurse Association. The benefit tea to be held in the Hotel Portland will be an important affair. The hours are from 3 to 6. During the afternoon the association carries on, and to participate in the dance. Every cent that is donated will be used for the humanitarian efforts of the Visiting Nurse Association. Mrs. Robert G. Dwyer, president, and Mrs. J. E. Kerr, chairman of the committee, will be assisted in receiving by several prominent women, members of the board.

At the annual meeting of the association of the Patton Home for the Aged on Friday, Mr. Theodore Donald was elected president. Other officers chosen were: First vice-president, Mrs. David H. Bond; second vice-president, Mrs. Fred Daly; third vice-president, Mrs. Alfred Gier; fourth vice-president, Mrs. M. C. Banfield; treasurer, Mrs. Arthur Callan; recording secretary, Mrs. O. O. Tichner; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Harry Clark; chairman finance and social, Mrs. John H. Bergard; and chairman of membership, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. B. W. Weaver will head the visiting committee; H. J. McInnis and H. T. Clarke were elected to the board. The Patton Home has had a successful year and has cared for 82 elderly people.

Rose Social Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Anna Clark, 218 East Seventh street, Thursday. All Rose neighbors will be welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Chipman, who are connected with the early history of St. Johns, have returned to St. Johns from California, where they passed several months.

FIRST AND LAST STAGES OF PORTLAND \$600,000 AUDITORIUM, SHOWING TWO PORTLAND GIRLS REHEARSING FOR GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONIES TODAY.



Official Perspective of Auditorium and, Left, Ruth Plummer; Right—Marie Haller, Representing Chamber of Commerce, Who Learned How to Handle Spade Yesterday in Preparation for Programme Today.

MISS JARDON STARS

Singer Is Real Gem in New Bill at Orpheum.

WARDROBE IS GORGEOUS

Mary Servoss Gives Billie Burkish Air With Her Playlet, and Retorts of James H. Cullen Is Another Act of Merit.

BY LEONE CASS BAEL

An opalescent being is Dorothy Jordan, satiny and splendid on the surface and in her lovely voice and smile and fits body are imprisoned opalescence that change and shift and sparkle.

Opals are said to bring bad luck, but this gem is a fine streak of luck on the Orpheum bill. Any bill decorated by the prismatic Dorothy might be called a lucky one. She probably is of Irish lineage, for she sings a medley of Irish melodies with an understanding that goes deeper than her Oriental atmosphere. Her clothes are evocative and exceedingly intimate. One might call them affectionate because of their clinging qualities.

When the curtain first discloses the gorgeous Dorothy she is chastely clad from throat to hem and finger tips in a wonderful Chinese robe. She sings "Come Back to Sam" in a big dramatic soprano, full of melody and charm. Then, while George Harris, her apple-cheeked nice boy pianist, "rags" away on the keys, Dorothy slips off the kimono and reappears almost in a frosted Christmas tree dress—all silver and beauteous velvet. In this she sings a sweeter Araby than the one other folk singer, and after that she gives us the Irish melodies threaded into a sweet ditty about the songs mother used to sing.

Pianist Takes Spotlight. George Harris takes the spotlight then for a selection or so at the piano and the wonderful Miss Jardon strolls languorously in looking like Theda Bara all done up in a vivid red and palest yellow Spanish costume, with a cigarette and big velvet sombrero to add touches of detail. She sings a love ballad of the land of the treader, and then she sings a modern something about a rose.

Again and again the applause brings her back. The next in importance is Mary Servoss, a Billie Burkish actress, and her company in a playlet called "The Palace Play of Washington Square." The story tells, with surprises following one close after another, of the daring plan of a young playwright to secure a society matron's consent to his marriage with her daughter.

Miss Servoss is amazingly clever, and has cunning tricks that provoke mirth. Her company is excellent. The work of Frederick Hand, as the playwright, and of Gertrude Malfland, as the mother, is noteworthy. Sidney McTaron Hirsch wrote the sketch, which is an splendid example of one-act play construction. James H. Cullen returns and he hasn't lost or gained a pound of his happy fat, and still sings keen parodies about pertinent topics. This is the 16th Orpheum tour of James, the laughmaker.

BEACH PLAY WINNER

"The Ne'er Do Well" Masterful Film Production.

THRILLS ARE ABUNDANT

Picture on Bill at Heilig Theater Is Worthy Successor to "The Spoilers" and Is Seen by Appreciative Audience.

BY REX BEACH

Rex Beach is a lucky author. Not only has he the faculty of writing virile types of books which place them in the "best seller" class, but their pictorialization gives them just as emphatic approval in filmdom. "The Ne'er Do Well," which received its first public screening in Portland yesterday at the Heilig Theater, is indeed a worthy successor to the famous "spoilers," possessing such an artistic blend of masterful story, competent acting, excellent photography and scenes, both beautiful and instructive, as to enhance the reputation of the screen, author and producer.

Practically all of the players who assisted in the success of "The Spoilers" are seen in the present Selig production.

Wild Outs Are Sown. The story of "The Ne'er Do Well" presents Kirk Anthony, son of Darwin K. Anthony, the transportation king, as an ex-football player coaching his alma mater. The season is over, and he is busy engaged in the not too gentle pastime of "sowing wild oats."

A spectacular auto invasion of a New York cafe is followed by a fight—a Selig-Beach masterpiece—and Kirk loses consciousness soon thereafter. He awakens the following morning on board a ship, minus baggage, but with the conviction that he has killed a man the night before and must remain away from his home. On the vessel he meets Mrs. Edith Cortlandt, with her husband, Stephen, and the man and woman become friends.

In Panama Stephen runs foul of the authorities and is cast into prison, not however, until he has disposed of a number of his assailants. Weller, a lanky negro he has befriended, carries word of Kirk's plight to Mrs. Cortlandt, who is a powerful diplomat, and the boy is released. She secures for him a position on the canal works and he rises, chiefly through her influence, but somewhat on his own ability, to a position of authority.

Marriage Is Secret. While on a hunting trip, Kirk runs across Chiquita, a delightful Spanish miss, and falls in love with her. The girl is sought by Alfarez, commandante of police, but Kirk wreaths him at every meeting and finally marries the girl in secret. His ignorance of Spanish customs forms an amusing part of the film.

Mrs. Cortlandt rages with jealousy, but is unable to wean Kirk from his love. Cortlandt dramatically denounces Kirk as the lover of his wife, and when he commits suicide Kirk is accused of the crime. He is cast into prison and things look black until his dominating dad arrives on the scene, and Mrs. Cortlandt finally yields up a paper which absolves the youth from all guilt of the crime.

Hares, horses and graffas are better able to see things behind them without turning their heads than are other quadrupeds.

WEST LINN VOTES TODAY

Annexation of Town of Willamette Is Only Ballot Issue.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 15 (Special)

The second time in three months West Linn tomorrow will vote to annex the town of Willamette. The first election was found to be invalid owing to two minor flaws in the proceedings. Willamette voted for consolidation early in January by a large majority.

At the West Linn election, early in December, the merger carried by a large majority, and it is generally predicted here today that the voters will approve the issue again.

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SEARCH FOR BODIES BRINGS NO REWARD

Members of Portland Rowing Club Patrol River in Vain Hunt for Comrades.

CANOE AND PADDLE FOUND

Survivors of Fatal Trip and Other Canoeists Aid in Seeking for Traces of C. W. Kirkpatrick and H. W. Gammie.

Led by Arthur A. Allen, vice-president, 25 members of the Portland Rowing Club patrolled the Willamette River from early yesterday morning until afternoon, searching the eddy, yellow current for the bodies of their club companions, Charles L. Kirkpatrick and Harry W. Gammie, who were drowned when their canoe upset in the rough water off Rock Island Saturday afternoon.

From the scene of the tragedy to Portland, both banks of the river were minutely inspected for signs of the bodies without success. City Grappler Brady took his equipment to the Ross Island rapids yesterday morning, but found the swollen current too swift and agitated to permit his search of the river bottom. That water at the point where the canoe capsized is described as a fiendish turmoil of disparting currents and dizzy eddies.

Canoe Found Near Scene of Tragedy. One-quarter mile below the island the canoe was recovered from a half-sunk log, in the branches of which it had lodged.

Four miles below Oregon City and 300 yards above Jennings' Lodge a canoe paddle had drifted ashore. Aside from this no sign was found of the cruel river drama that fatally started the young athletes. The canoe was taken to Oregon City on the tug Kluck, commanded by Captain Charles Spencer, of the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company.

Late Saturday afternoon Captain Spencer, accompanied by one of the survivors of the canoeing party, Robert Bremner, visited Ross Island water in the afternoon, and searched until evening without success.

Thorough Search Is Made. On the slow return along the river, scouting thoroughly into every possible location where the bodies might have drifted, two skiffs were pressed into service, one for each side of the river. One of these was manned by Arthur A. Allen, organizer of the searching party, and Edward M. Andrews. The other skiff, working along the opposite side of the river, was manned by Elmer Hanson and E. C. Sammons.

George W. Gammie and Norman Gammie, brothers of one of the victims, were members of the unsuccessful party.

Among the experienced rivermen of the Rowing Club the opinion is expressed that Gammie, who sank in the main channel of the stream, has probably gone over the falls at Oregon City. The high water has practically flattened out the falls, and from six to 10 feet of water over the bank made it easy for a body to pass down stream.

In the case of Kirkpatrick it is concluded that the body probably has been found caught in trees near Rock Island, as he is said to have gone down outside of the swifter main current.

River to Be Patrolled. If the bodies of the two young men are not recovered before next Saturday, Arthur A. Allen, vice-president of the Rowing Club, will call for volunteers from the club to patrol the entire river length on both sides, from the scene of the drowning to the junction of the Willamette with the Columbia.

The search above Oregon City, while the other will be strung out along the remainder of the distance in unflagging vigilance.

Charles Kirkpatrick was employed as a clerk in the clearing-house of the First National Bank, and his death is a loss to the bank. He had instituted a system of blanket insurance for its employees, said to equal a year's salary in event of death.

His mother and two minor sisters live in Los Angeles, and he was the chief contributor to their support. For many years the young man has made his home with his aunt, Mrs. J. Farmer, 650 East Madison street. Mr. and Mrs. Farmer had reared him from boyhood and regarded him as their own child.

"He was our boy," sobbed Mrs. Kirkpatrick, as she spoke of her loss.

Gammie's Brother Ill in East. Harry W. Gammie's mother died last year. The young man was employed as paying teller in Ladd & Tilton's Bank, and was a skilled canoeist and amateur athletic champion. One brother, John J., is now in New York, where he is said to be receiving treatment for cancer of the hands, induced by an electrical burn.

Followed by Charles Kirkpatrick declare that the young man, on the eve of his anticipated canoeing trip, had a premonition of his fate.

"If I don't get back Saturday night, you'll know I'm drowned," they say he laughingly remarked. Then he gave his watch to the safe-keeping of a friend before venturing on the cruise.

The Portland Rowing Club, of which both young men were members, had planned a ball for Thursday evening, the 17th. The event has been indefinitely postponed.

This Is Your Monday Grocery Bulletin. Telephone orders taken by experienced grocery salespeople after 8 A. M. Dill Pickles, 1/2-Gal. Jugs 30c. Cured by the Madgeburg process—finest known. One-half-gallon jugs contain about 18 good-sized pickles, one-gallon jugs containing about 30 pickles, 50c. Special introductory price. Retainers returnable at, each, 10c. Eastern Hams, superior quality, special, 18 1/2c. Fancy Pineapple, R. R. No. 2 1/2 cans, sliced, 17 1/2c. Sugar Peas, Eagle or Porter, 12 1/2c grade, the dozen, \$1.15; special, the dozen, 10c. Royal Banquet Corn, the dozen, special, \$1.40; the can, 12 1/2c. Extra Sifted Peas, R. R., 20c grade, dozen, \$1.75; can, 15c. Ripe Olives, Calola, large size, pint cans, special, 20c. Caripo Ripe Olives, extra large, pint cans, on sale at, 35c. Sage or Tapioca, best quality, 5-pound cloth sack, 29c. Fancy Head Rice, long head, five-pound cloth sack, 39c. 60c Teas, fancy bulk varieties, pound, 39c. Tea-Room Coffee, fresh, fragrant, special, the pound, 35c. Kitchen and Laundry Supplies. White Soap, Premium brand, special, seven 25c bars for, 25c. Naphtha Soap, Victor, extra quality, special, six 25c bars for, 25c. Washing Powder, large Gold Dust or Pearl, 20c. Scouring Soap, Starbright, special, six bars for, 25c. Best Brooms, "Little Beauty," five rows of, 49c. Concentrated Lye, several brands, 10c cans, 7 1/2c on sale at, 7 1/2c. Gloss Starch, Kingsford's, 6-pound slide cover boxes, 60c. Laundry Soap, Golden Star, 20 bars in box, on sale at, 79c. —Ninth Floor, Fifth Street.



OPTICIANS TO MEET HERE

OREGON STATE SOCIETY DISCUSSES MINIMUM PRICE-FIXING. Candidates Are Named for Vacancy on Board of Examiners in Optometry. June Election Is Set.

Addresses on various phases of optometry and selection of candidates from which the Governor may choose a successor to Dr. Henry E. Morris, of McMinnville, whose term as member of the Oregon state board of examiners in optometry expires April 30, 1916, featured the semi-annual meeting of the State Association of the Oregon Optometrists at the Benson Hotel Saturday night. About 20 optometrists from all sections of the state were present.

The session was called to order by W. J. Curtis, of Corvallis, president of the organization. Dr. S. W. Moody, of Oregon City; Dr. A. B. Dakeyer, of Portland, spoke, as did Dr. W. M. Pearce, of La Grande.

The nominations made for the position of member of the state board were: S. W. Moody, of Oregon City; W. J. Curtis, of Corvallis; W. M. Pearce, of La Grande.

Dr. Irvin E. Fox, of Portland, resigned from the position of secretary of the organization and the president appointed Dr. G. F. A. Walker, of Portland, secretary pro tem.

A committee was appointed by the president to make arrangements for the annual meeting and election of officers, which is to be held in Portland in June.

Some efforts for a greater co-operation on the part of the members and the establishment of a minimum price list is to be made by the organization, and a committee was appointed to investigate the matter.

SEA LAW ARGUMENT READY

Chamber Committee Prepares for Referendum Next Week. Arguments and explanations of the referendum of the National Chamber of Commerce on the seaman's act have been compiled by the committee on navigation of the bureau of trade and commerce in the Portland Chamber and will be issued to the membership of the Chamber tomorrow, with ballots.

This referendum is to be voted upon by the entire membership, instead of being passed on by only the board of directors, as in referendums heretofore. The vote will be taken a week from today, after H. E. Pennell, of the committee on navigation, has made an address outlining the recommendations of his committee on the measure.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce counts 10 votes in the National Chamber.

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