

CHILDREN DEPICT SORDID CONDITIONS

Little Ones Ask City to Make Playground of Insanitary Marquam Gulch.

LETTERS DESCRIBE EVILS

Shattuck School Pupils Begin Campaign to Have Disease-Breeding Spot Made to Serve the Needs of Community.

The school children of South Portland are manifesting an active interest in the playground campaign for that section, and are doing their best to stir a sentiment against Marquam Gulch, which at present constitutes the only playground for children of the district.

Many of the children have been born in the neighborhood of the gulch, and many have played in it from infancy up until the time they were taught at school that it was dangerous and unwholesome.

"We would like for you to improve Marquam Gulch," writes a little fellow from Shattuck School, "because it is not a healthy place for from children catch disease and some die, while others are quarantined."

In most of the letters the children show a knowledge not only of municipal government, but of the population and tax rates of the city.

Mike Sholkoff writes in part: "In South Portland there are many children killed every year. The children pick things up in the streets and sell them to the junk man for 5 and 10 cents, and then have to pay hundreds of dollars for medicine."

"Honorable Mayor and Commissioners," writes Harold Johnson, "I think that South Portland has a playground for the following reasons: There is no place for us children to play except in the streets and you know that isn't safety first."

Gulch Always Insanitary. Pictures have been taken by Phillip R. Epstein, who writes a letter in which he says that the gulch has one block from Marquam Gulch and have always seen it very dirty and insanitary.

"When Mr. Hughes was here," writes Little Miss Rosie Dubinsky, "he said Portland was a beautiful city, but if he had seen this part, I don't think he would have said it. I know you want it to be beautiful. You know we have no place but the streets to play in."

"If you help build that playground you will save many lives. For this is not the only accident that has happened. Also many of those children who play in the gulch get diseases and are quarantined with scarlet fever and other things."

Occupant Spilled: Auto Goes On Charles Leipel fell out of an automobile at Union avenue and Killingsworth street last night, and Patrolmen Riley and Griffith arrested him on a charge of drunkenness before he had recovered his balance.

By the birth of a boy to the wife of her son, William F. Winslow, Mrs. Amelia M. Winslow, age 87, of Portland, Pa. becomes for the first time a grandmother.

BRET HARTE CHARACTERS, DEPICTED BY LOCAL SOCIETY FOLK, TO PARTICIPATE IN FRONTIER DANCE.



DANCE TO BE ROARIN'

Frontier Festivity in Barn Is to Be Staged.

C'YADS TO BE PLAYED, TOO

Characters Immortalized by Bret Harte to Have One More Night of Gaiety for Benefit of Junior Sewing-Room.

A frontier dance in a barn! Society maids and matrons and all the beaux of swiftdom appearing in costumes that will make them seem to have stepped right out of the pages of Bret Harte's own stories!

LASSIES MAY DECIDE FATE ON HALLOWEEN

While Some of Superstitions of Pagan Times Have Been Dissipated, Jollity of Occasion Has Suffered No Whiten in Modern Days.

THE time of revelry, the night of spooks and witches, Halloween, will soon be here. For ever so many years, no two persons quite agree on the date of its beginning.

Modern shop windows are filled with the decorations and favors that are in reality a relic of medieval superstition, or, at least, of the superstitions of the Middle Ages.

Sport for Any Eve. ralds are favorite Halloween refreshments that have a linking with the old traditions. Above all things, one must make a wish on Halloween. If a sweet maid wishes for a stalwart beau, perchance across the moors will come "young Porhyre, with heart on fire."

BEAU OF SMART SET AND POPULAR BELLE, COWBOY AND COWGIRL, TO HOPE IN MONEY

for Junior League at Dance in the Corbett Barn.

Luck of Rearing Camp" will be impersonated, but it is sure that luck will attend the project for the Junior League is one of the most practical, worth-while of all the philanthropic organizations in Portland.

"The Outcasts of Poker Flat" may play a harmless game of cards if they don't want to dance, but it is almost a safe bet that they will be watching the others and spending their money on ice for the fair sex.

MEMBERS OF ALCAZAR STOCK COMPANY.

- Miss Ruth Gates, leading woman. Ruth Lechler. Lora Rogers. Margaret Miles Shelby. George Webster. Will Lloyd. Albert McGovern, Leading man. Charles Compton. George Taylor. Harold Holland. Walter Gilbert, director.

With the approaching commencement of the new season of the Alcazar Players "in stock at the Baker Theater, starting next Sunday in the attraction "On Trial," playgoers will see an interesting innovation—stage scenes swung around on a revolving stage, giving auditors the effect of looking now and then on a series of animated scenes, changing with the mental and material action of the play.

"So much for the influence of the "movies," and the willingness of the "legitimate" to co-operate. There is much popular interest aroused over the beginning of the stock season at the Baker. Early yesterday morning the advance guard or waiting party of ticket buyers began to stand in line outside the box-office, to be in readiness to buy the first season tickets when the sale is commenced tomorrow morning.

Shots Fired; Pistol Left. Two shots were fired just outside the home of Mrs. L. Diekey, 76 West Portland boulevard, last night by a prowler, who afterward hung his revolver on a nail on the side of the house.

BAKER STAGE TURNS

Playgoers Will See New Revolving Scene Changes.

TICKET LINE NOW WAITS

Advance Guard of Season Seat Purchasers Keep Vigil—Leading Woman of Alcazar Players Arrives in Portland.

GAY CITY IS LUCKY

More Serious Town Than Portland Would Die Ticked.

LIPS ARE CRACKED ANYWAY

Living, Chuckling Demonstration of Adjective Funny in Its Superlative Degree Is Seen in Orpheum Comedy Bill.

Funny: a. That which is droll; comical; laughable; amusing.—Noah Webster. Thus speaks the late Mr. Webster, citing no examples. For a living, chuckling, laughing, and chuckling demonstration of the adjective "funny" in its superlative degree, see this week's new Orpheum bill, which opened at the Hellig Theater yesterday for four days.

Those four days would be the death of any less than a fine, fine population would cram the showhouse to see, laugh, and die tickled. As it is, Portland may pull through. But no pulsating human can sit through the programme without cracking his lips. Y'impilygottalough!

"The Bride Shop" Is Apex.

The merry apex of a bill that is all fun and good as gold is Andrew Tomber in "The Bride Shop." Andrew's name is the only droll thing in the act. He first comes up-stage to take the measure of the "Bride Shop," an exclusive lingerie establishment, making a specialty of bride's trousseaus.

When Andrew finally got the Baron's girl and her trousseau, Andrew, the Baron and Miss Boyle, the fact of the matter is, had to respond to seven or eight calls to keep the enthusiastic audience from pulling down the curtain.

Composer Sings Own Songs.

Ernest Ball, composer of "Mother Machree," "Love Me and the World Is Mine," "Till the Sands of the Desert Grow Cold," "A Little Bit of Heaven Came Down," and other popular songs, received a tremendous welcome in renditions of his own songs. He has a splendid tenor voice, and is a wizard with the piano.

"Remnants" Is Miraculous Hit.

Still another mirifical hit in a programme full of chuckles was "Remnants," a homespun comedy by Leslie Bond. Elizabeth Shirley acts the part of the manager of the woman's hosiery department of a big department store, and Ernest Ball is the hosiery salesman who tries to sell her an order against her will.

The Gerald, gypsy serenaders, gave a remarkable and hugely entertaining exhibition of musical gymnastics when they played 34 mandolins all at one time, and performed other unusual stunts with musical instruments.

ALEXANDER TRIAL RESUMES

School Teachers Show Interest in Case of Former Principal.

Trial of Mrs. Alevia Alexander, former principal of the Benson Polytechnic School for Girls, on charges of incom-

Will pay for the chance to heal Catarrh

After an experience of 25 years, during which time 50 million Americans have used Kondon's Catarrhal Jelly, the manufacturers of this remedy feel so sure that it will relieve catarrh—that they offer to pay for a chance to prove its benefit to any catarrhal sufferer.



SEE OUR ADS on the back page and another page—both section 1— SUNDAY'S PAPERS for today's shopping news.

Our 15th Annual Doll Show will be held November 2, 3 and 4—entries close Wednesday, November 1, at 6 P. M. There is no entry fee or other obligation. 18 Prizes Amounting to \$288.00

Campbell's Soups, 8c LIMIT OF 12 CANS TO EACH PERSON—DELIVERED ONLY WITH OTHER GROCERIES Yeloban Milk, one of the best brands, dozen 90¢, four 30c Steel-Cut Coffee, Early Dawn brand, 3-pound cans at 27c 78¢, 1-pound can. 27c Early June Peas, R. R. No. 2 cans, dozen, \$1.45. 12 1/2c can. 35c Green Asparagus Tips, Griffon brand, dozen \$2.10. 17 1/2c Candied Figs, fine quality, priced, pound. 18c

Pumpkin Pies at 25c THE GOOD, OLD-FASHIONED NEW ENGLAND KIND Homemade Mince Pies 30c Fresh Fruit and Cream Pies for 25c —All our pies are made from the purest and best ingredients. Nut Bread, Delicious and Nutritious, Loaf 10¢ Mocha Tarts and French Pastry, Dozen 75¢, 60¢ Pattie Shells, Flaky and Rich, Dozen 60¢, 40¢ Gluten Bread, Guaranteed 40 per cent Gluten, Loaf 20¢ Petite Fours, Our Specialty, Dozen 60¢ and 40¢ —Birthdays and Wedding Cakes to order. Cakes, rolls and bread of superior quality, fresh daily in our Daylight Bakery. —Ninth Floor, Fifth Street.

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petence and dishonesty brought by Superintendent L. A. Alderman, will be resumed tonight in the rooms of the Board of Education on the third floor of the Courthouse.

Robber Accepts Woman's Word. A supposed robber stopped Miss Ruth Price, 232 Clay street, at Fifth and Hall streets last night, and asked her if she had any money or rings, but allowed her to go on without searching her when she said she had no valuables.

Science vs. Guesswork



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