

100 BUSINESS MEN LEAVE ON EXCURSION

Trade Tour to Be Made of Eastern Oregon.

BIG RESULTS EXPECTED

Expedition Bids Fair to Be Notable Milestone in Mercantile History of State.

With the delegation of 100 Portland business men comfortably settled in their respective compartments of the special train of eight standard sleepers and all arrangements for the entertainment en route completed, the eastern Oregon trade excursion pulled out of the Union station at 8 o'clock last night. The train will be in the itinerary, Union Junction, will be reached at 7:30 o'clock this morning, where the real business of the trip will commence.

As this is the first trade excursion to eastern Oregon in ten years, and with the largest proportion of any trade excursion undertaken by the Portland Chamber of Commerce, the expedition bids fair to develop into a notable milestone in the mercantile history of the state as a whole.

The enthusiasm with which the various commercial organizations along the way hailed the announcement of the proposed trip, is evidenced by the elaborate entertainment plans scheduled en route. In fact, the trip itself is expected to be one long round of entertainments, luncheons, banquets and automobile trips to local districts.

The excursion is scheduled to return Sunday morning, arriving at the Union station at 8 o'clock.

Police Male Quartet Makes Hit at Concert.

Gladys Morgan Farmer is Organist and Centenary Choir Sings at Auditorium Programme.

ENJOYABLE music selections of the easily understood order, rendered by Gladys Morgan Farmer, organist, members of Centenary Methodist Episcopal church choir, and the Police Male quartet, made up the "popular" concert programme at the public auditorium, yesterday afternoon, and attracted 910 people. Every member of the quartet, which consisted of: Ralph Gowankoff, first bass, and R. L. Crane, second bass, and Ray Stedman as piano accompanist. The quartet has just been reorganized and sings with fine effect, the different voices harmonizing satisfactorily. It is to be hoped that this quartet has come to stay, for there is certainly a place in this city for it, where good male quartets are scarce. The best sung quartets were "Let the Rest of the World Go By," and "A Perfect Day." Mr. Johnson, the first tenor, has a clear, pleasant-to-hear voice of the sweet, old-fashioned minstrel quality. Sergeant Crane's powerful voice was heard impressively in "I'm a Pilgrim."

LAND EXPERT OBTAINED

J. W. Brewer Will Encourage Oregonians to Stay on Farms.

The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce has announced that it has secured the services of J. W. Brewer as field secretary and a campaign is to be started immediately for the organizing of farm clubs throughout the state.

Harding Sentiment Reported.

Claud S. Knight, chairman of the Wasco county republican central committee, reports to State Chairman Tongue that the republican campaign in Wasco county is progressing favorably. Many campaign pictures of Harding and Coolidge have been put in the county and in one block having 18 houses Mr. Knight counted ten Harding and Coolidge pictures. Mr. Knight also reports that two democrats of The Dalles had informed him of their intentions to vote the republican ticket. One democrat asked for a Harding button immediately after the Cox speech at The Dalles.

CHEVALIS FACES WATER SHORTAGE.

CHEVALIS, Wash., Oct. 17.—(Special.)—Chevalis residents are threatened with a water famine the next two days, according to city officials, the trouble being a washout under the pipe line near the intake on the upper north fork of the Nevaikum river. It was said that repairs could not be made until Tuesday.

NEW BILLS AT THE THEATERS

Baker. BY LEONE CASS BAER. THE bedroom cavalcade continues to flourish and prevail and beds, bedclothes, the pajamas and the negligees, the errand wives and mixed husbands that go with them are frequently the most interesting of features.

In the instance of "Parlor, Bedroom and Bath," at the Baker, this happens to be particularly true. Its two authors, Mark Swan and C. W. Bell, have evidenced inventiveness and a certain play-writing skill. The story, too, is humorous, the complications are molded in apparent accident, and have been planted without seeming deliberation. The situations are amusing, if utterly preposterous and frequently contain witty dialogue. It is so well-acted that the farce becomes one of the best pieces insofar as actual entertainment is concerned.

The Baker has put on Walter Gilbert, who staged the play, has evidently appreciated that the punch of the presentation would lie in the speed and spontaneity of the players. As a result the fun is continuous.

Last night's audience was positively hilarious and some of the lines were completely lost as wave after wave of laughter swayed the audience.

The story concerns a perfectly nice husband who probably was one of the "Rollo and His Little Pets" readers when he was a boy. He has been turned into a sissy, a spineless individual, whose life is as uneventful and exciting as that of a goldfish. Then he finds that he is losing the affection of at least the interest of his very charming wife. A Mr. Fixit friend suggests the world of schemes of making her jealous. To make her jealous he must have a past. So they dig up a past and concoct the husband in his iniquities and lead the wife in to witness his perjury. At least that is what he planned to do. What they did was far and away from what they started out to do. In the final reckoning the estranged husband and wife were re-united.

Selmer Jackson most admirably takes the part of the amateur villain with a dark past. He moves through the scenes with a continuously growing bravado, sometimes approaching the point of hysteria. He is a man under fear sinking to an abject effacement that provokes constant admiration. His overacts or imitates and restrains his method so perfectly as to make the performance an excellent one.

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Hippodrome.

THE Twentieth Century Minstrel Revue, headline act which opened yesterday at the Hippodrome, presents several interesting novelties. Principal among them is the fact that the end-men, contrary to tradition, are women instead of men. They are nicely backed up, however, by some really good jokes and do some clever clog dancing.

The five others in the cast also have good voices. The group of catchy songs, full of pep. Their dancing is well done. The costumes of royal purple and gold are gay and colorful and the hangings of purple velvet make an appropriate background for the merry entertainers.

Orpheum.

BY LEONE CASS BAER. IF YOU like old man Jiggs of the proletariat, you will like Roger Imhoff, who is Jiggs come to life. As Michael Casey, mild-mannered and gentle of voice despite his beetling brows and square jaws, he seeks lodging over night at a hotel, which bears the fragrant title of "The Rose." Mike's horse has died in the shafts of the wagon and he leaves the wagon in the streets while he lugs the harness into the hotel. After a conversation at the desk in which he skillfully parries the thrusts and insinuations of an acid-voiced maid, Violet Rose, daughter of the landlady, he is ushered into his room, a wretched space opening off the equally wretched lobby. Mike is an optimistic adventurer, but even his brave spirit is somewhat weakened at the prospect of slumber in the weird bed which leans in a corner close to the floor. The entrance of an octogenarian porter all done up in the habiliments of chief of the firemen, who suggests an exciting game of checkers starts the evening for Mike and the advent of an infant in the family of the landlady and his lusty waits tops the list of aggravations that pursue the sojourner all night.

His review can only touch on the incident. No review can tell of the thousand and one droiceries of the Jiggs-like Imhoff. Not for one second does he get out of the role of a soldier. He is a character, and he is playing a big role in a tremendous high-brow play, and naturally it's a million times more interesting.

This is not the first time Mr. Imhoff's sketch, which he calls "The Post House," because the Rose turns out to be a veritable chamber of horrors, given at the Orpheum, but it is one of the very few pieces which can honestly attract a second season out just as David Warfield, the old and audacious, or Frank Baum the added soldier in "Lightnin'" so is Imhoff the belated peddler true to life. His efforts to extricate himself from the bed when it broke in its middle, his episode at checkers with the antediluvian fireman and his departure when the walls of the baby smother the actress are so incredibly funny that all over the theater persons fairly roared in laughter.

Hugh L. Conn, who is an associate with Mr. Imhoff in the various acts they have brought out, gives an admirable portrayal of the doddering old fireman who pursues enthusiastically his calling as porter and checker.

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S. S.—This show closes with a matinee Wednesday.

THE new Lyric show, which opened a week's run with yesterday's matinee, is "A Race for a Million," based on that modern symbol of duplicity, the double cross, but instead of causing broken friendships it provides a vehicle for a number of keen comedy situations.

In these days of two-karat eggs a race for a million dollars with every thing fair and the double cross dominant is an interesting spectacle. The race is between Jack Shrop (Frank O'Rourke) and his cousin, Egan (played by Dorothy Raymond). Their wealthy uncle has died and left a will which provides that his estate of a million dollars shall be given to the one who marries first. On their way out to the funeral, the pair are stranded in a little way station. Ben Broderick and Gay DuValle, as Percy and Clara, friends of the couple, enter the scene and plot to turn the situation to their own advantage. Percy proposes to Fannie, hoping to get the money, and Clara is asked to become the bride of Jack. In the absence of a minister, a rube station agent, who is also a justice of the peace, is called into service, and a screaming double wedding takes place. With both Jack and Fannie married on the same night, no one knows which is entitled to the inheritance, but the puzzle is solved when the telephone rings and a surprising disclosure is made about the will which satisfies everybody.

Ben Dillon and Al Franks have no regular part in the plot, but contribute three special comedy scenes that are crammed with fun. The ladies' auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans will entertain a card party Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in room 525, courthouse. Prizes will be given and a good time is assured.

NEW FAIRIE LONGING MAKES BOB BUNTLAR

Leader of Juvenile Crime Gang Relates Ambition.

MOVIE SCHOOL ATTENDED

Another Member of Group Admits Hope Was to Become Great Actor; Offense List Grows.

His longing to be a movie star with his name emblazoned in electric signs along Broadway, led William Herder, high school youth, to turn burglar, he told John Goitz, lieutenant of inspectors, yesterday.

As a means of satisfying this ambition, Herder had turned his stolen loot into cash and was paying his way through a course in movie acting when his arrest last week by Inspectors Swensen and Schulpus brought his career of crime to a sudden termination.

"I wanted to be known as the greatest detective in filmdom," he told Lieutenant Goitz. "And the local company which was giving me instructions had already given me detective parts to play."

Another Member Ambitious. John Spady, another of the group of youths who have confessed to many burglaries, was also getting shine as a movie star, and he, too, was taking a course of study in movie acting. Herder, in his confession, said he had paid \$5 for both himself and Spady to the concern which promised to mold them into film actors.

"In another year I would have gone to California and entered the movies," Herder told Goitz. "It was getting along fine, but all this came up. But it looks different for me now."

An amazing career of crime was related by the youth in his confession. He admitted having been the ring-leader of a group of boys of high school age and less who have taken part in more than a score of big burglaries during the present year.

Theft of Three Autos Admitted. Herder, during the summer was admitted by the youth. He also admitted robbing stores, offices, houses, schools and a branch library. The list of loot which he admitted taking runs up to several thousand dollars. Liberty bonds, war savings stamps, jewelry, cash and valuable clothing were listed by him.

On one occasion he stole two \$50 Liberty bonds. He gave these to another boy to sell at a local hotel. Herder, he said, and they divided the money. He would get other to sell the stolen jewelry and they them a commission for their work.

Besides Herder and Spady, the police also have under arrest John Lehr, who has admitted participating in many of the burglaries which Herder engineered. Lehr, according to the confessions, was the chief actor in the burglary of Herder in the juvenile crime trust.

Investigation by police detectives is still in progress and it probably will be more than a week before all the burglaries are cleared up. Every day the boys are confessing to more burglaries, according to the police.

Muriel Morgan will be a comedienne like unto Charlotte Greenwood some day, for she markets her length and Virginia Embury's capabilities. She has a certain engaging personality, an appeal of being original and different somehow. With all her clowning she is smart and vivacious and her songs and gayeries please. Her partner, Minnie Kloteo, has a fresh, sweet voice.

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