

Guy Bates Post in "Omar" is Coming

"Omar the Tentmaker," which comes to the Vining Theatre for a night's engagement, Saturday, June 5, is rich in suggestions of the Orient—the plot and counterplot form an intensely interesting drama, but the principal interest centers around the character of Omar Khayyam, interpreted by Guy Bates Post. The various phases of the role, the grave and the gay, the loving and the reckless, are all given with a fineness of art that makes this picture of the poetic tentmaker one to be long remembered. The roysterer of the tavern was a different Omar from the loving father of the little Shireen, but at no time has Richard Walton Tolly, the author, in presenting this character forgotten to suggest the great and subtle mind that was undoubtedly possessed by the ancient Persia poet. He gives him a large philosophy of life that is beautiful, and the verses that have been taken from the Rubaiyat have been selected with the idea of presenting the ideal instead of the more earthly phase of Omar Khayyam's character.

Perhaps the most beautiful feature of the play are these quotations: In constructing the drama Omar is given two dreams, in which his philosophy is pronounced—one, the scene in the potter's shop, while in the other, his soul, when tortured, disembarks from the sorely tried body and peers behind the veil. Mr. Post's diction is perfect, and lovers of Omar Khayyam will enjoy a treat in this presentation.

Eight Militiamen To Officers' School

Lieutenants Foss and Foster of the Medford C. A. C. company and Lieutenant Dean of the local company form an examination board which held examinations in this city last Wednesday night for those of the local company who wished to try for their gunner's rating. Eight first class and six second class gunners received their rating as a result. On Thursday evening Lieut. Dean went to Medford, where like examinations were held. Capt. Collins of the regular army was present Wednesday evening, also Lieut. Williams of the adjutant-general's staff, the particular mission of the latter being to inspect and survey the equipment at this station.

The gunners' examination is preparatory to the officers' school which will be held at Fort Stevens this week. Lieutenants Dean and Blake will go from here and five enlisted men. The men who will make the trip will be named tonight. All of the men who passed the examination for first class gunner are anxious to go.

The officers will have no trouble with time on their hands at this encampment, says Captain Collins. Their day will be a full one. From 8 a. m. until 4 p. m. they will be kept busy with instruction practice and drills about the forts. The rest of the time will be given up to study.

From June 15 to 28 the entire company will go to Fort Stevens (located near the mouth of the Columbia river) for the annual encampment.

Commercial Club Meets Tonight.

The semi-annual meeting for election of officers of the Commercial Club will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. Under our constitution there is no voting by proxy, and any member in default for more than sixty days is not entitled to vote. You should therefore see that your dues are paid.

There will be other matters of importance to come before the club, and you are earnestly requested to be present and bring one application for membership in the club. Ask your neighbor to join.

W. E. NEWCOMBE, President.

Medford Has Team.

Medford has organized a city baseball team which they expect to clean up the valley. The ministers of that city have got together and organized a Twilight Sunday School League. The Medford high school has no ball team, the students devoting their time to track work. Ashland, on the other hand, has no track team, so that it would appear that the old rivals will not meet this spring.

Say, don't forget that you can get a real Mexican sun hat for 50 cents at Mitchell & Whittle's.

Tabloid Play at Lyric This Week

The Kenworthy Players with Helen Duffy will open an engagement of seven nights at the Lyric Theatre Thursday, May 6, presenting tabloid or condensed versions of successful plays in one and two acts. These plays carry the complete plot and action without the necessity of changing scenery or using superfluous characters. The company includes five capable people and all plays are staged with scenery carried by the company. The members of the company are Milburn Kenworthy, Helen Duffy, Edw. Fitz Gerald, Zoe Bates and Armine Lamb. An entire change of program and pictures will be given nightly, and for the opening performance the famous play of "Charley's Aunt" will be given. This play has been arranged in one long act running forty minutes and is a scream of fun from start to finish. Mr. Kenworthy will be seen as Charley's Aunt, the lady from Brazil where the nuts come from, and the fun commences the moment he appears in female attire. Miss Duffy is in the role of Amy and Mr. Lamb as Charley. Miss Bates is the real aunt and Mr. Fitz Gerald as the funny old uncle. Pictures will also be on the program and prices will be 10 and 20 cents for the biggest small show that has ever been offered in this city. For a real treat be sure to see the Kenworthy Players at the Lyric Theatre next Thursday night.

Manager Lawrence has had these players at his theatre in other cities several times during the past three years and says that they are by far the best small dramatic company on the road.

Teachers' Review Class.

A teachers' review class in the west room of the Polytechnic College, Ashland, will begin work June 1 and continue to June 30, when the several counties have the regular examination. For information address W. T. Van Scoy, Rogue River, Ore. 98-81.

Library Has Books On Flowers and Birds

Any one interested in Oregon wild flowers will find the "Floral Calendar," sent out by Professor Sweetser of the University of Oregon, and exhibited on the bulletin board at the public library, very interesting and instructive.

The following books on wild flowers and birds may be had at the library:

- Bergin—Elements of Botany.
- Rahtan—West Coast Botany.
- Wright—Botany.
- Beal—Seed Dispersal.
- Weed—Seed Travelers.
- Parsons—Wild Flowers.
- U. of O.—Oregon Ferns.
- Howell—Northwest Flora.
- Henshaw—Mountain Wild Flowers.
- Bailey—Handbook of Birds of the Western United States.
- Finley—American Birds.
- Lord—First Book of Oregon Birds.
- Miller—Bird Lover of the West.
- Reed—Western Bird Guide.
- Wheelock—Birds of California.
- Kearton—Our Bird Friends.
- Miller—First Book of Birds.
- Miller—Second Book of Birds.

SPORTING EVENTS FOR PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL

Athletic events this year will be an important division of the Portland Rose Festival. Charles F. Berg, secretary of the fiesta, after a conference with officials of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club announces the list of events as follows: 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard run, half-mile run, five-mile modified marathon, 120-yard dash, 220-yard low hurdle, shot-put, discus throw, 36-pound hammer throw, 56-pound weight, running high jump, running broad jump, pole vault, javelin throw and a mile relay, each team composed of four men.

The meet will be held June 11 and will be known as the P. N. A. track and field meet. It will be under the auspices of the Multnomah Club and the festival association. The games will serve as a tryout to select a team to represent the Pacific Northwestern Association in the far western track and field championships at San Francisco. Entries are being received from all athletic clubs of the northwest, including those of Vancouver and Victoria, B. C.

State Will Put Siskiyou Grade In Shape For Summer Travel

"The Siskiyou highway is one of the finest roads in the country. It has been well planned, its grades and curves are excellent and the construction was a good job. It has stood the winter well, with but few slides and settlements. Monday the state will begin work upon it to place it in condition for summer travel," announced State Engineer E. I. Cantine after completing a trip with the members of the county court over the highway last Friday.

The state highway engineer will have general supervision of all the Pacific highway work, including that done by the county, and will have complete charge of that done by the state. The county's engineer will work under Mr. Cantine's supervision in constructing road north of Central Point, while Mr. Kittredge will continue as assistant state engineer on the Siskiyou section.

The first work to be done by the state will be getting the road in shape over the Siskiyou for summer use, estimated to cost several thousands, followed by paving operations beginning at the intersection of the Klam-

ath road, thence south as far as this year's appropriation goes. The new grade will be allowed to settle a year before paving begins. The state will maintain the Siskiyou section until completed.

Whether or not the Siskiyou section will be enlarged to include the Billings grade, north of Ashland, will be determined by the state highway commission. Its inclusion will probably be recommended by Mr. Cantine, though he has not yet committed himself. If not included, the county will construct this section.

The county will grade under Engineer Cantine's supervision, but with its own engineer, the highway from Gold Hill to Rogue River, and the paving of the same will follow.

It is probable that cement paving will be laid on the Siskiyou, as the cement highway has advantages over bituminous on grades.

In walking over the Siskiyou the inspection party had a taste of real winter weather, encountering a stiff gale, a miniature blizzard and snow-storm. All were pleased with the highway.

Make Ashland the Spotless City

Governor Withycombe has advised that the entire state devote the period of May 4 to 11 inclusive to the cleaning up of backyards and vacant lots and to the painting of unsightly fences and buildings. Portland commercial bodies are instigating a general city cleanup for three days.

While Ashland has already had a cleanup day with good results, a great deal more can be accomplished. Everyone who is in a position to do so should apply a coat of paint to their fences, outbuildings and houses. Do not rest content with having gathered up all of the trash from your back yard, but be sure that the yard is kept clean. Keep the lawn mowed and irrigated so that Ashland will present the same uniform appearance of green lawns in September as it does at the present time.

Ashland has always been noted as a clean town. Make a special effort this year and let us have a town which will be spotless.

The second of the Dramatic Club's vaudeville entertainments at the Vining Wednesday, May 12. It

Classy Vaudeville Vining Next Week

Another classy vaudeville entertainment will be put on by the Ashland Dramatic Club under the auspices of the Civic Auxiliary Club Wednesday evening, May 12, at the Vining Theatre.

The program will be entirely different and promises to be even better than the first. It will consist of fancy dancing, dramatic readings, attractive choruses, novelty songs and a thirty-minute playlet or skit with Dutch setting.

Reserved seats 50c, children 25c.

SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE RAISING MANY HOGS

The plan inaugurated about three months ago by the Portland Union Stockyards whereby the school children of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, by signing a ten-months note at 6 per cent, could receive high-grade sows already bred and treated for cholera, has met with such unexpected success that it has been necessary to call a conference of the raisers of stock of that class to devise means for filling all the applications for stock. It is believed this campaign will be nation-wide in its effects on the industry.

W. C. Wells and William McGregor of Flint, Mich., arrived here the latter part of the week with the object of looking over the situation as to locating permanently. Their attention to the Rogue River Valley was directed by C. E. Wallis, contractor, who divides his time between southern Oregon and Washington localities.

A gentleman's union suit in the Porosknit or B. V. D. for \$1, all sizes up to 46, at Mitchell & Whittle's.

County Government Cheap in Jackson

Washington.—The per capita cost of county government is higher in Klamath county than in any other county in Oregon, according to the report just made public by the census bureau, which gives elaborate detailed figures on county revenues and expenditures for 1913. Jackson county was one of the lowest in per capita cost, nearly \$1.50 per capita less than the general average.

The report shows that in Klamath county the per capita cost was \$27.77, as against an average cost of county government for the entire state of \$10.83. In nine counties the per capita cost exceeded \$15, as follows: Crook \$15.22, Curry \$18.68, Gilliam \$15.31, Josephine \$18.69, Klamath \$27.77, Lake \$19.02.

In Multnomah county the per capita cost was \$8.76, in Washington county \$12.95 and in Lane \$12.28.

The record for low per capita government was made by Hood River county, where the cost was \$7.56 a person. Other counties in which the per capita cost fell below \$10 were: Baker \$8.24, Clackamas \$9.67, Columbia \$9.82, Jackson \$9.23, Marion \$8.31, Union \$9.66, Wasco \$8.23.

Baseball Team Breaks Even

The Ashland high school baseball team broke even in the two games played at Grants Pass last Friday and Saturday, winning the first and losing the second. Ikey Cornell, the Grants Pass pitcher, was the main cause for the locals' downfall in the second game. Cornell is said to be the best high school pitcher in the state. A series of two games will be played here in a couple of weeks with the Pass team and promise to be closely contested. A full account of last week's games will be given in Thursday's paper.

FILTH MEANS FLIES; FLIES MEAN DEATH

Flies love to feast on filth, and then go into the house and wipe their feet on your cake or on baby's bottle. Screen the house!

It is true they are nature's scavengers, but they spread filth and disease in doing their work. And besides it is better to do your own scavenging by keeping clean than to have the fly do it for you; for not only as a fly a dangerous companion, but clean people are beginning to suspect that those who have flies about them are dirty housekeepers.

If, therefore, you wish to bear a reputation for cleanliness in your neighborhood, be sure that your trash and manure heaps are frequently removed and that your house is properly screened!

D. C. Hodge will be in Ashland Sunday, May 9, 8 p. m., and will deliver his famous lecture, "Nature's Religion." He is a veteran of our civil war and has been on the platform for over twenty years. Everybody cordially invited at the Temple of Truth.

Beet Sugar Factory Issue is Live One

That the beet sugar factory proposition is not a dead number, as many seem to think, is shown by the following letter from Beet Sugar Expert Storey:

To the Farmers of the Rogue River Valley: The proposed sugar factory talk is not a wildcat scheme, as some people seem to think, as I am in possession of a letter which states that C. W. Nibley, Sr., and associates are ready to build the factory if we will show them that sugar beets can be grown here. Now, I firmly believe that a great deal of the soil in the valley will produce the goods, therefore I ask the farmers to help me by giving the beets planted the very best of care, and I will help you all I can.

No doubt most of the beets are up by this time, and should be cultivated and thinned early. Keep the ground loose and free from weeds. Thin as soon after beets have four leaves as possible, from eight to twelve inches apart in the rows, using a short handle garden hoe for the purpose. In thinning, try and select the best plants, where you can.

After beets are thinned, say a week or two, cultivate with a spike-tooth cultivator, so as to loosen the soil deep.

When it becomes hot and dry, just cultivate the surface of the ground, where you have no irrigation. When water is to be used don't irrigate as long as plants will grow well without, as early irrigation stops the beets from getting the required length.

After irrigation, as soon as the soil will permit of working, cultivate so as to keep the ground loose, then never let them get too dry, but irrigate again when needed, and I am sure we will get results.

Yours truly,
SAMUEL STOREY,
R. F. D. No. 2, Central Point.

Physician to Take Charge of Poor

The controversy over the care of the poor who need hospital care has been definitely settled. Dr. J. E. Hart will take over the charge of the institution and attend those of the inmates who need hospital attendance.

The Sacred Heart hospital at Medford offered to take all of the indigent who needed medical attendance under their charge at a contract price. The consideration of the offer by the county court brought forth a storm of protest from the Protestant churches of the county, who objected to the poor being sick or dying under the care of Catholics.

Since the greater portion of the inhabitants of the poor farm need medical attendance which necessitates the retaining of a physician, it would seem that having a physician in charge would be not only the cheapest but the most effective way of caring for the county poor.

Storms Do More Good than Harm

As far as can be ascertained, no damage was done by the storms of the past week, and but little to garden truck and small fruits. Although frost was expected, the temperature moderated before the clouds disappeared and frost danger is conceded to be past. The weather of the past week was the coldest April weather for many years past, but happened to come at a time when the fruit was in shape to withstand it. Much good will result from the moisture which was precipitated.

Many thousands of sheep were lost in eastern Oregon.

Reports from California citrus and apple belts show that Jack Frost dealt a heavy blow, causing much damage. This affects a field of competition of local growers.

Most all numbers in D. Mc. crochet and embroidery threads. No advance in prices. The Art Store, East Main.

Factory methods and factory material. Johnson the Jeweler. 97-7f

Full Crew Bill Passes in California

Railroad workers in California last week won their big fight of the session in the assembly by the passage of the Full Crew Bill, A. B. 927, by Gelder. This measure is the most important on the labor program, so far as the railroad and trainmen are concerned. Against it was arrayed all the big railroads of the State, as well as the branch lines.

It amends the Full Crew Law by providing for more men on certain trains and bringing under the law other classes of trains now exempt from the present law.

Under the measure, mixed trains shall have the full quota of men, the list being added to by one brakeman. It is provided that there shall be three brakemen, an engineer and a conductor for every train—this applies to freight trains—of fifty cars, and an extra brakeman for every additional twenty-five cars.

Work trains also are brought under the "full crew" provision, by adding a brakeman. Pile-driving outfits and other vehicles moved on tracks, not now covered by the law, are obliged to have a conductor and a brakeman in charge, in addition to the engineer.

Another provision is that locomotives moved under steam shall be manned by a locomotive engineer and a fireman.

Under the present system watchmen sometimes occupy the place, which the bill sets apart for the fireman.

Reports Road to Be in Good Shape

Grants Pass Courier: Ex-Highway Engineer Bowby will please take note that autos are now traveling the Pacific highway its entire distance and are meeting none of the difficulties that he had pointed out. A driver recently left Portland traveling south, his Ford auto carrying four passengers and 250 pounds of baggage. Here is the report this driver made of the condition of the highway to the secretary of the Portland Automobile Club:

"Road report between Portland and Drain: Portland to Cottage Grove, roads excellent. We made it with four passengers and 250 pounds of baggage in Ford in twelve hours. Cottage Grove to Drain: Some bad holes, but we made it without getting stuck.

"Road report between Drain and Roseburg: Road to Yoncalla not bad, a few small mud holes; Yoncalla to Roseburg, fine.

"Road report between Roseburg and Dunsmuir, Roseburg to Ashland: Good roads. Cow Creek canyon dry, road newly completed. Central Point to Ashland, hard surfaced. Ashland to Cole, near Oregon-California state line: Road over Siskiyou mountains good. Now dry; if it rains it might be impassable. Ran more than half way over the mountains on the high gear. Road from Cole to Dunsmuir fine."

WHAT GOES TO MAKE A FINE SPORTSMAN

"A true sportsman" is the highest compliment that can be offered to the devotees of rod and gun sports. If a person be entitled to that designation among his friends, we understand he has got "the real stuff" in his makeup. In no place more than on outing expedition can we find out the true character of any person. The real sportsman never takes unfair advantage of the fish and game nor of his companions, and he rather prides himself in taking "the worst end of it" in seeking to be agreeable and doing his share of the work necessary to make a successful outing. If a fellow has got a real big, warm heart in him he can't help being a true sportsman. He doesn't want "the best" of every proposition, but is ready to take an even break" and smile at success or the absence of it.

He never complains at trifles, nor gets peevish because things don't always "come his way." He uses his best judgment and abides by the result. It is a real pleasure to have such companions on one's outing trips, and all selfishness disappears. How fine is this sentiment which induces the whole party to equalize the opportunities for sport and divide up the catch of fish or bag of game equally among all, as well as equalizing all the other preparations connected with the sport.