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This is amateur night at the Unique theater, and some interesting special turns are to be put on by Manager Hager.

Taxes are still being paid in at the sheriff's office, and up to the close of business yesterday afternoon 4150 receipts had been issued.

The case of the state against H. Saarkl, charged with assault, has been postponed by Justice Goodman at the request of the defendant's lawyer.

The bakers of the city have raised the price of bread. Heretofore the family rate for bread has been at the rate of 24 loaves or \$1, but hereafter, owing to the increased cost of flour, \$1 will buy only 22 loaves. The price made for restaurants, 4 cents a loaf, will re-

main the same, but the bakers will not replace stale bread with fresh bread, as has been the custom.

In the probate court yesterday J. E. Higgins, C. R. Higgins and Thomas Dealey were appointed appraisers of the estate of Edward Ridderbusch, a minor, at the request of Edward Ridderbusch, the lad's guardian.

County Surveyor Astbury leaves this morning for Seaside and in a few days will commence the work of relocating the road up the Necanicum. This road was cut away by the stream. It will be relocated for a distance of about six miles.

The statement appearing in the Portland papers that Paul Skibbe, who is being sued for divorce by his wife, is interested in this city is denied by relatives living in Astoria. Mr. Skibbe is a resident of Portland and has never lived in this city.

The work of testing the ground upon

which the new court house is to stand was completed yesterday. It was discovered that an old fill will make it necessary to drive piling to support the foundation. The piling is to be driven to the depth of 40 feet.

Sheriff Storey, of Multnomah county, is going to be an independent candidate for re-election. He is not satisfied that the convention carried out the wishes of the voters in the matter of the selection of a candidate, and petitions for his nomination are now being circulated and numerously signed.

The field committee of the Commercial Club has called a meeting to be held tomorrow night at the club rooms for the purpose of taking steps to organize a baseball team. The club will have an amateur nine this year that will make matters extremely interesting for the other amateur teams of the state.

Joseph Zan, aged 19 years, was before Police Judge Anderson yesterday for violation of the curfew ordinance. The lad was fined \$20, but sentence was suspended during good behavior. The police intend that the ordinance shall be observed by boys and all those found out after the hour specified will be arrested.

The Methodist tea at the home of Mrs. A. V. Pendleton yesterday afternoon was well attended by ladies, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Intellectual games were played and refreshments were served. A piano duet by Miss Carrie Bozorth and Miss Rose Ousmundsen and a vocal solo by Miss Lulu Estes were cordially received.

Calls for a meeting to be held on next Saturday afternoon are being sent out to the leading dairymen of the county, the object being to go over the ground for the formation of a company to establish a milk condensary. Plans are practically perfected already, so it is anticipated by those who have the matter in hand that there will not be any trouble regarding the final arrangements.

Those who take an interest in republican politics are firmly of the belief that Sheriff Linville will surely receive the renomination. It is the opinion that the Third ward delegation will come down instructed for W. A. Goodin, but the big majority of the delegates are supposed to be favorable to the renomination of the popular sheriff, who is thought to be the very strongest available candidate.

If persons who have changed their residence or place of business since being interviewed by the directory solicitor will call at the office of the company in The Astorian building and make known the fact, they will help to make the forthcoming city directory accurate and complete and avoid confusion during the next year or two in regard to their locations.

Road Master Blount, of Astoria precinct, is now busily engaged in collecting poll taxes. The tax is \$3 and must be paid by all persons between the ages of 21 and 50. The money thus collected goes into the county treasury. Mr. Blount experiences the difficulty which usually attends such collection, but has already gathered in more than \$200 for the county. All persons are liable to arrest for failure to pay this tax.

H. J. Prentiss arrived in the city yesterday for the purpose of lending his assistance in the organization of a condensed milk company. When Mr. Prentiss left Detroit he passed through the flooded districts of Iowa and Indiana, and says the spectacle of a farmer going to his barn in a boat was not an unusual one. Mr. Prentiss will be in Astoria for several days and will be shown the dairying regions in this vicinity.

Mrs. A. M. Eastwood has filed suit in the circuit court for divorce from A. J. Eastwood. The complaint recites that the couple were married at Glen Falls, N. Y., November 12, 1872, and the action is based on the alleged fondness for liquor of the defendant, who is said to be an habitual drunkard. It is also charged that defendant deserted plaintiff in October, 1898. All the children are adults. Fulton Bros. represent Mrs. Eastwood.

The effort on the part of the Hearst managers to have Oregon send a delegation to the national convention in-

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structed for the publisher extends to this county, many of the leading democrats of which have been asked by M. F. Tarpey to use their influence to have the county delegation instructed. It is likely some such effort will be made, but it is thought the matter will be passed up to the state gathering, although Mr. Hearst is quite popular in this city.

The Manufacturers' Association will tonight entertain the laboring men of the city at a smoker at Hawthorn hall, commencing at 8 o'clock. An invitation has been extended to all the laboring men of the city, and in order that all branches of labor may be represented the secretaries of the several unions have been asked to send out the invitations. The meeting will be held for the purpose of promoting a more friendly feeling between employees and employers.

The announcement is made that J. Bruce Polworth, now a resident of the little town of Cathlamet, Wahkiakum county, Wash., is to become a resident of this city. Those who enjoy the unmistakable pleasure of Mr. Polworth's acquaintance have often expressed wonder that he should hide himself in the wilds of Wahkiakum county, and that he is to come to Astoria to take up his residence is not surprising. Mr. Polworth is a lawyer of recognized ability and will be a valuable addition to the local bar.

The May day festival which is being arranged by some of the little folk of the city is attracting much attention, despite the somewhat vague announcements that have been made concerning it. The voting contest comes to a close today and those who have not availed themselves of the opportunity of assisting the candidacy of one of the following young ladies are urged to do so before Ross, Higgins & Co.'s store closes tonight: Mildred Stevenson, Sadie Newhall, Florence Cann and Florence Gardner.

A Chinese protective association of some sort was formed in this city last night, and at the conclusion of the organization the evil spirit was chased away in the customary manner—by means of firecrackers. It was learned from a Chinese enthusiast that similar organizations are in existence at all the principal cities of the coast, but it was impossible to gather from his statement just what the organization meant to the interested parties. The new concern has a flag all its own and the banner was hoisted for the first time last evening. Contractor Palmberg had been engaged to raise the flagstaff, but the Chinese would not permit him to undertake the work until midnight. They said it was a matter of the fireworks followed the elevation of the pole.

Six Chinese residents of the city yesterday registered for the coming county election, and it will be up to the candidates for office to interview the voters. Of the six three are native Astorians, while another hails from the Oregon metropolis and the remaining two from California. The Astorians are Wong Hawk, aged 21, a clerk; Lam Lou, aged 24, a clerk; Leong Yette, aged 22, a student. The Portlander is Low Chung, aged 26, a laborer, while the Californians are Leong Yick Duck, aged 21, a clerk, and Leong Foure, aged 21, a cook. Heretofore one lonely Chinaman has registered. The Chinese who registered yesterday appeared at County Clerk Clinton's office with a bountiful supply of cigars and all of the clerks at the office were given an evidence of oriental courtesy. Registrations to date number 876, of which 561 are registered from the city precincts and 315 from the outlying precincts. The registrations in the city precincts are as follows: No. 1, 63; No. 2, 76; No. 3, 102; No. 4, 103; No. 5, 106; No. 6, 56; No. 7, 55. The formality of registering this year is necessary in order that voters may be qualified to vote for presidential electors—a circumstance which many voters have overlooked.

Was Married at Twelve.

Dillon, Mont., March 30.—Ollie Gill, a 20-year-old girl, who came from Butte to Dillon about two weeks ago, committed suicide by taking morphine Monday night. Early in the evening the girl was in the best of spirits and was out with two girl friends. She stated to them in a joking manner that she was not long for this earth, but the girls had no idea that she meant to take her own life. The girl seemed to think that her sweetheart's love had grown cold and on that account was tired of life. It is said she made a similar attempt to end her life two years ago in Butte.

The girl was married at the age of 12 years to Elmer Dugdale, in Butte. One child, a boy about 5 years, was born to the couple and is now living with the girl's mother in Butte. Ollie Gill secured a divorce from Dugdale several years ago.

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