

A BENEFIT FOR THE PRESS CLUB

War Play at the Baker on December 18.

Friends of the Scribes Are Buying Tickets Very Freely.

Manager George L. Baker, of the Baker Theatre, and the members of the Neil Stock Company, led by Director Robert Morris, have tendered a benefit performance to the City Press Club of Portland, the date being Thursday, December 18. The City Press Club is composed of active newspaper men of this city, who have recently begun to fit rooms in the Marquam Building, and who will not a handsome sum from the kindness of the management of the Baker Theatre.

"We-us of Tennessee" is the play that will be given on the night of the 18th. It is a war play, of the time of the Spanish-American War, the scenes laid in Tennessee, written by Lee Arthur. The piece is strong, with the pleasing war drama effects, although it has one peculiarity of its class, in that not a shot is fired nor a violent scene enacted, excepting in one or two passages.

The members of the club have been selling tickets, and have met with ready response from everyone approached. Prominent people will occupy the boxes, and the entire row of loges will be taken by the club members.

Purchasers of tickets from club members may exchange them at the box office today or at any time hereafter up to the time of the benefit.

"We-us of Tennessee" will have two new members in the cast in leading parts—William Lamp, who arrived from the Alcazar of San Francisco, and Carlyle Moore of the same theatre. Both are strong in their profession and bear excellent reputations. The cast is further amplified for this production, comprising more than 20 people.

Albert Mann, an ex-newspaper man and experienced actor, will appear in the play. The cast complete will be:

CAST OF CHARACTERS.
Hiram Gray, sheriff of Jones County.
Daniel Gray, surgeon 12th New York Volunteers.
Albert Mann, Gray.
Charles Wyngate, Gray.
Sidney Gray, son of Daniel Gray.
Major Gen. Bryant.
Thomas Delaney, William Pool, colonel of the 3d Tennessee Volunteers.
William Bernard, Jack Thomas, captain of 3d Tennessee Volunteers.
Robert Siddle, Searcy, corporal of 3d Tennessee Volunteers.
Carlyle Moore, Vivian Champs, son of Ellen.

Elmer Russell, Elmer Russell, Bennett, Burnett, Charles Webster.
Wade Rhine, John Mason.
William E. Scheller, Phil Green.
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ALLEN CLARK GOES CLEAR

Jury Disagrees and Prisoner Is Discharged by Judge George.

Contrary to expectations, the jury disagreed in the case of Allen Clark, on trial yesterday in Judge George's court for alleged assault on Anton Moe several weeks ago at the Anchor saloon. Judge George discharged Clark at 4:30 o'clock last night. At the trial Clark set up the defense that he had had difficulty with the bartender in the Anchor saloon, and Moe followed him out into the street and then attacked him. In self defense Clark says he drew a razor and slashed Moe's face. Clark, a colored man and claims that Moe has the reputation of being a wrestler and fighter. Moe, who is a Norwegian, testified that he was not present in the Anchor saloon when the trouble occurred, and had never seen Clark before the latter sprang upon him in the street.

CITY BRIEFS

If city subscribers fail to secure their paper they will confer a favor if they will call up Main 500 and enter their complaints.

WEATHER FORECAST.

A storm of moderate energy is central this morning off the mouth of the Columbia River, apparently moving northeastward. It has caused general rain in Western Washington, Eastern Oregon and in California as far south as San Diego. Light rain or snow is reported in Eastern Washington, Eastern Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Northern Nevada, Minnesota and the Dakotas. The following maximum wind velocities were reported during the last 24 hours: Tatoosh Island, 64 miles, east.

It is much cooler this morning in Montana, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Nevada and Southeastern Idaho; elsewhere in the states west of the Mississippi River the temperature has remained stationary. The indications are for showers in this district Friday, except in Eastern Oregon and Southern Idaho where fair weather is expected to prevail.

Western Oregon and Western Washington: "Foggy" and "drizzle" with clouds with showers; winds mostly southerly.

Eastern Oregon and Southern Idaho: Tonight, rain or snow, cooler; Friday, probably fair.

Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho: Tonight and Friday, probably light rain or snow.

THE RIVER.

The following gauge readings are reported this morning: Portland, 13 feet; Albany, 14.4 feet; and Eugene, 8.6 feet. The flood crest passed Albany this morning. The river at Portland will remain nearly stationary or fall slightly during the next 24 hours.

Minneapolis work, correspondence. Elgin & McCarthy, room 19, Russell bldg. Have you a piece of gold to make over into a Xmas gift? Tinsley, Jeweler, Washington and Third, upstairs.

San Francisco is more excited over the possible loss of the transpacific, according to W. J. Clemens of the insurance company of Clemens & O'Brien, than it has ever been before. Mr. Clemens says that it is the sole topic in the Bay City.

The regular monthly meeting of the Port of Portland Commission will be held late this afternoon. Not much business will come before this body except the reading of some communications and bills.

A circular has been issued by General Passenger and Freight Agent Coman of the Southern Pacific, announcing the "settling" rates after next February. The rates are the same as that stated in Tuesday's Journal, when the O. R. & N. announcements were made.

A. T. Martness, residing at 187 North Fourteenth street, has had several fingers amputated at the St. Vincent Hospital as a result of an accident in an Eastern Oregon mine a few days ago.

Good progress is being made by the City & Suburban Company in laying its new tracks on Morrison street. The rails have been laid and the pavement will be put in at once.

Potatoes are cheaper this year than they have been for several seasons. Hawkers are around selling the product at about 70 cents a sack.

It is said that as soon as the improvement can be made to the Washington street car line the Vancouver cars will run along Burnside street to Fifth and then up to Washington street. This will be a convenience to those who now have to transfer.

The laying of the carline blocks between the tracks on Fourth street is being completed by the Southern Pacific Company and the street is again resuming the appearance of a public highway.

Forecast Official Beals has gone to Hillsboro to appear as a witness in the Akron murder case. On his return Mr. Beals will take his vacation for the balance of the month.

United States Steam Vessel Inspectors Edwards and Fuller examined the Vulcan and Jone Tuesday and the Jordon at Astoria yesterday.

The Bridal Veil Lumbering Company, whose plan was to build a road from their local location.

A. B. Gaul's sacred cantata, "The Holy City," was sung last night by Boyers' chorus at the Taylor-Street M. E. Church.

The Portland Lodge of Elks will tender an informal reception to Norman Howard Bartlett, the lecturer, this evening, in their hall in the Marquam Building.

The Board of Trade has as yet not raised the \$500 necessary as their share toward the expense of establishing an Oregon exhibit at the Japanese National Exposition. Their recent election of officers seems to have had, something to do with this slowness.

C. E. Bendick of Los Angeles has written to the Board of Trade asking to be placed in communication with firms handling roofing materials.

Finest lunch in the city.
Portland Club, Fifth and Alder.

ADOPTS LITTLE LESTER BELDING
Uncle and Aunt Given Child of the Wife Murderer.

Seven-year-old Edward Lester Belding, the child of A. L. Belding, the wife murderer, was adopted in the County Court yesterday by his uncle and aunt, George O. and Anna McCroskey. The child has been in the care of the "Boys' and Girls' Aid Society and the officers of that institution agreed to the adoption.

CHARLES FULTON IS IN PORTLAND

Says He Will Have No Opposition for Senator.

Will Not Talk About "Jack" Matthews' Stand—Says Hirsch Will Stand by Him.

State Senator Charles Fulton of Astoria is in the city today, and is at the Imperial. When seen by a Journal representative this morning, he said: "I am quite confident of my election to the office of United States Senator, as I have practically no opposition." "How about Mr. Matthews?" queried the reporter.

"I would rather say nothing at all on this subject."

"Mr. Scott is a very bright man and is supporting you for Senator. Is it also a fact that Mr. Hirsch will also do so?"

"I think Mr. Hirsch will do so. He has been a personal friend of mine for a good many years and I have no doubt that when it comes to a 'show down' Mr. Hirsch will support me, as will also all my friends."

"Then you don't think that Harvey Scott has any chance whatever?"

"Mr. Scott is a very bright man and has also been a friend of mine. As to his senatorial aspirations I would rather say nothing, as he has as yet said nothing to the effect that he would run at all."

"What do you think of the Journal's charges against 'Jack' Matthews?"

"This is another of those questions that I do not care to discuss."

PERSONALS.

William Peck of Cleveland, O., is a guest of his sister, Mrs. E. S. McCullough.

L. D. Cole has gone to San Francisco. R. Campbell of Juneau, Alaska, is back in Portland.

J. B. J. of Juneau, Alaska, is in the city.

F. L. Fisher of San Francisco is a guest at the Perkins.

T. T. Crittenton of San Francisco is in the city for a few days.

C. S. Pierce of Fresno, Cal., is here on business.

George White of Seattle is at the Perkins.

J. R. Upson of St. Paul is in the city. C. A. Pague of San Francisco is in town.

J. C. Cooper of McMinnville is at the Perkins.

John R. Adams of Pendleton is registered at the Perkins.

H. H. Grant of The Dalles is in the city. Dr. Poyner, a prominent physician of Pomeroy, is at the Perkins.

J. H. Henley of The Dalles is in the city. James Shovely of The Dalles is here for a few days.

F. R. Doring of Seale is in Portland on business.

W. A. McCombee of Seattle is in the city.

G. E. Reynolds of Tacoma is registered at the Imperial.

H. A. Mears of Gold Hill is at the Imperial.

H. T. Maier of The Dalles is in town for a few days.

T. J. Seufert of The Dalles is at the Imperial.

A. W. Bekken, Jr., of Lewiston, is a guest of the Imperial. Mr. Bekken is accompanied by his wife.

F. L. Carr of Montreal is in the city. Charles E. S. Birch of Seattle is in town.

W. H. Downing of Salem is in Portland for a few days.

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Richard Murr of Seattle is in the city. J. H. Dorsey of San Francisco is here on business.

J. W. Kennedy of Louisville, Ky., is registered at the Portland.

J. Alexander of San Francisco is in the city.

A. Jacobson of Seattle is at the Portland.

General Passenger Agent A. L. Craig, of the O. R. & N. Co., is expected back from the East about Saturday.

Edward W. Cline of Seattle is in the city.

A. J. Agnew of Everett is here on business.

J. P. Ross of Chicago is at the Portland. C. B. Staples of Tacoma is in the city. William Ryan of Tacoma is in the city.

W. F. Buckingham of Chicago is a guest at the Portland.

S. Walther of Chicago is spending a few days in Portland.

E. H. Kinney of San Francisco is in the city.

James A. Wenzelmer of San Francisco is at the Portland.

M. T. Cooper of San Francisco is in the city.

Regulator Line.

Regular line steamers from Oak-street dock at 7 a. m. Best and fastest line of steamers for The Dalles, Lyle, Hood River, White Salmon, St. Martins Hot Springs, Cascade Locks, Moffet's Hot Springs, and all Middle Columbia River and Kikicat Valley points. Take this line and get to your destination from one to four hours ahead of other lines.

One reason why The Journal has rapidly gained circulation is that it is the only paper in Portland that dares to print the news.

J. MILLIS BACK FROM CHICAGO

First Prize Awarded to Oregon Cattle.

Orders for Over 1000 Head Brought in by Mr. Millis—Convention in Portland Next Year.

C. J. Millis, live stock agent of the O. R. & N. Co., is back from an extended trip East, where he has been attending the International Livestock exhibition at Chicago. In an interview with a Journal representative this morning, he said: "People through the Middle East seem to be very much interested in the Northwest, and in Oregon in particular. I have heard many Easterners express themselves favorably with this state. There is at present a decided contrast in climatic conditions between this country and Chicago and the East. Although a couple of days in that city did remind me of Oregon, as it rained almost continuously."

WONDERFUL EXPOSITION.

"The exposition at Chicago is the most wonderful of its kind I ever saw. Many prominent stock raisers from the North, South, East and West were present, and our stock is acknowledged to be the best in the country."

"I have brought home with me orders for over 1,000 head of Oregon cattle to be delivered in the spring. A noteworthy event at the exposition was the first prize which was awarded to an Oregon short horn bull, a yearling, owned and bred by W. O. Minor, of Heppner, Or. This bull took the first prize in its class and topped the sale of same. This marks an epoch in Oregon livestock history. Several other prizes were awarded to Oregon exhibitors."

OREGON EXHIBIT.

"The Oregon exhibit is very limited this year. However we are arranging for an exhibit next year that will far surpass any former attempt on the part of anyone in this line. We are preparing exhibits from all over the state and will have a large number of cattle there. No doubt we will carry off many prizes as the popular impression, and a true one it is, is that the livestock of Oregon leads the world."

CONVENTION AT KANSAS CITY.

"There will be a convention of the National Livestock Association at Kansas City next month, lasting from the 13th to the 15th, which I shall attend, and have no doubt that the convention next year will be held in Portland, as I have already spoken to leading stockmen of the country who are favorably impressed with this city. This will bring a large number of people into Portland and will be the means of still further introducing the value of Oregon cattle into the markets of the world. I expect that many large sales will be made while the livestock people are here on a large number of them have expressed themselves very much in favor of Oregon cattle, which they consider without a peer."

Mr. Millis is complimented on his work in the November issue of the "Ranch News," a leading livestock periodical published in Denver, wherein also appears his biography and likeness.

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Mrs. E. N. Camp of Glendale is registered at the Portland.

H. Harris of San Francisco is in the city.

E. M. Quinn of San Francisco is at the Portland.

E. T. Hay of Wilbur, Wash., is registered at the Portland. Mrs. Hay accompanies him.

T. K. Holmes of Grangeville is in the city.

Traveling Freight Agent J. B. Livingston, of the Northern Pacific, with headquarters in Spokane, is in the city checking up with the local office.

County School Superintendent Lyman of Clatsop is in the city.

S. J. Turner, manager of the Morning Astorian, returned to Astoria today.

J. H. Kootz, an old pioneer of Umatilla County, and now a resident of Echo, in that county, is in the city.

COMBINATION DISTASTEFUL

Plumbers and Employers Do Not Agree.

The Combine Brought About Last Summer Said to Be on Verge of Collapse.

It is said that the combination which was effected last summer between the journeymen plumbers and the Master Plumbers' Association is becoming distasteful to the latter, and this fact is being made use of by the former to break up the combination. The combine was formed for the purpose of forcing the independent master plumbers into the association, but the venture proved a failure.

Prior to this time the Plumbers' Union was affiliated with the Federated Trades Council, but when the organization entered into an agreement to work for no one but a member of the association the parent body made a strong objection to such a proceeding. Later the council deprived the union of its charter, and it then was obliged to depend upon its own resources. Its members were indignant at the time, but took the matter philosophically, stating that they would be better off in an organization of their own.

WAR WAS BEGUN.

In the meantime they were endeavoring to persuade the independent master plumbers to join the association. J. F. Shea was one of these, and employed a large number of men, who belonged to the ranks of organized labor. These men were induced to quit, and when no jobs could be found for them they were given weekly allowances by the combine, and supported in idleness, aside from assisting in adding to the embarrassment of the employers who declined to join forces with the association. The way they did this was to endeavor to persuade all the new men engaged by their opponents to quit as soon as they were employed.

For weeks an energetic warfare continued between the two factions, and the price of plumbing advanced beyond all precedent. This was necessary in order to support the large number of men who were doing nothing but walking the streets. In speaking of the matter, J. F. Shea says:

HAS HEARD REPORT.

"I have heard that the combine has been broken, and I believe the report is true. There is no doubt that the association was becoming exceedingly weary of paying a large number of men for doing nothing, and I had expected for some time to hear of the combine going under. However, my business was not hurt in the least by the warfare. The association has undoubtedly paid dearly for its little experience."

CARPENTERS AND CONTRACTORS

Will Meet to Discuss New Scale of Wages.

The Carpenters' Union will hold an open meeting next Wednesday night, which the building contractors will be invited to attend. At this meeting wages has been prepared, and the object of the gathering will be to consider its merits. The new articles of agreement will be asked to go into effect April 1, at which time the scale now in force expires.

The minimum rate of wages is now \$3, but in the new agreement the amount has been placed at \$2.50. It is argued that the present scale is too low, as compared with the cost of living expenses, which have greatly increased during the past year. A well-known carpenter this morning said:

"Rents and the necessities of life are higher now than ever known before, and it is an utter impossibility for us to save any of our earnings unless the rate of pay is proportionately increased with the additional