

TOWN TOPICS

Items of Local Interest for Busy Journal Readers.

Anslay—Printer, 250 Oak street. Dr. G. G. Blaney, 207 Alinsky Bldg. Printing—Mann & Beach, 93 2d street. Great auction sale, the residence property. Highland, October 9. You get the best and cheapest at Max Smith's Savor, 146 Fifth, opp. P. O. E. H. Moorehouse & Co., at Seventh and Alder. Telephone, Main 1343. Dr. J. E. Miller, dentist, 418-16 Mohawk building. Phone Main 746. A son was born to Mrs. Walter Pomroy, of Umatilla, Or., September 9. Attend the race and dine at Max Smith's Savor, 146 Fifth, opp. P. O. Suggestive Therapeutic cure where drugs fail. McManis, 900 The Marquam. Nice rugs made from your old carpets at 806 East Morrison street. Phone Union 311. Portland Club, 130 Fifth street. A palatable lunch served every evening from 3 until 11 p. m. Drs. Kitchy & Kitchy now occupy their new offices, eighth floor Dekum building. Better equipped than ever. Fine day! Buy Meredith's umbrellas. Repairing and recovering; two stores, Washington and 6th, Morrison and 6th. Bern's Witch-Hazel Cream, the popular skin and toilet preparation, can always be had of Albert Bern, the druggist, Second and Washington; price, 25c a bottle. Compelled to enlarge—Owing to the rapid growth of our business we are compelled to move to larger quarters on Yamhill street, near Fourth. Open for work Wednesday morning. Goodyear Shoe Repair Company. The burning out of a fuse set fire to some waste in the forward part of an Oregon City car on East Eleventh street yesterday. The occupants of the car alighted in haste, but none were injured. Little damage was done to the car. The Charles E. Spencer simply "runs away from any steamer that plies between Portland and The Dalles. Tickets to any point, 50 cents. Leaves foot lock street tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock. Uptown ticket office, 125 Third street. Telephone Main 2950. Sunday afternoon C. Ben Riesland, the young promoter and Land agent of Tillamook, came to the city yesterday. He is in charge of "The Land Agent" while in the city. While in the city Mr. Riesland will make his office at 523 Chamber of Commerce, while his phone number will be Front 3052. Take steamer Charles E. Spencer from Oak street dock, at 7 a. m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. For The Dalles and way landings; fare, 50c to all points. A saving of \$2.10 on all railroad fares to The Dalles can be made by taking the fastest steamer on the Columbia, the Charles E. Spencer. Take the Charles E. Spencer tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock from the Columbia river points between Portland and The Dalles. Passengers for The Dalles save \$2.10 one way, or \$4.20 on round-trip tickets to and from that city, if riding on the Spencer instead of the railroad. The Spencer leaves for The Dalles and fastest steamer that plies on these waters. She has not an equal anywhere on the North Pacific coast. Beno Franko, an Italian bootblack in North Third street, had a narrow escape from drowning at the foot of Stark street early this morning. Walking unsteadily he staggered down to the dock and a few minutes later the night watchman was startled by a splash in the Willamette rushing to the edge of the dock he saw the Italian splashing in the water and with some difficulty pulled him out. The patrol wagon took him to the station. He was fined \$5. Regulator Line steamers Bailey Gatzert and Dalles City leave Portland Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for The Dalles and all way landings. Round-trip ticket to any landing 50 cents. Steamer Bailey Gatzert leaves at 7 a. m. will stop at Vancouver, Cascade Locks, Stevenson, White Salmon, Hood River, Lytle and The Dalles. All other landings made by the steamer Dalles City, leaving at 6:30 a. m. This rate will not apply to steamer Regulator, leaving Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 a. m. All steamers leave Alder street dock. Best of meals. Remember, round-trip ticket to any landing only 50 cents. Phone Main 314. CABBAGES GROW BIG IN OREGON SOIL

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IN SOCIETY

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Vincent of Pendleton are in the city, stopping at the Norton. W. E. Thomas, having recovered successfully from an operation for appendicitis, has returned to his home at the Hobart-Curtis. The Misses Carrie E. and Edith Rosenblatt, who have been spending the summer in Southern California, have returned to San Francisco for the winter. Miss Marie A. E. Souls has returned from New York City, where she has been pursuing her musical studies under Albert Parsons. Mrs. J. N. Teal and her sister, Miss Genevieve Thompson, left Friday evening by way of the Canadian Pacific for the East. Mrs. Teal will visit New York City. Miss Thompson will resume her studies at Bryn-Mawr.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Storage Reservoirs on the Umatilla. Umatilla, Or., Sept. 17.—To the Editor of The Journal—The government engineers are busy in this vicinity making surveys, observations, etc., relative to the location of a site for a storage reservoir in the foothills wherein to accumulate water for use in irrigating. I am not a prophet, neither the son of a prophet; but I venture to say, let the report of these engineers be what it may, that it will be many years before any of the land in Umatilla valley will be brought under water through these storage reservoirs. It is well known that our government moves very slowly in all of its undertakings, and I fear it will move slowly in these innovations. But aside from this it seems to me that, at least in this instance, the powers are moving in the wrong direction, for, taking it the year through, there is enough water flowing through the Umatilla river to water more than they can hope to irrigate by the storage reservoir, simply by the construction of canals and the use of that water at flood season. Suppose a canal was taken out of the Umatilla at Barnhart, then run the ditch around south of Echo, by Galloway and on over the divide into Columbia river valley, near Coyote. Such a canal would water about 200,000 acres, and there is plenty of water for this for eight months in the year. It is a well known fact that a large area of Umatilla meadows and Butter creek country is served by water for a much shorter period of time than that which year ago was the case. The water irrigated is that apparently full crops are produced. At any rate four-bit sage brush land is thus made worth from \$100 to \$200 per acre, based on its yield of alfalfa alone. Some of the land on Butter Creek never yields for more than two months of the year and yet yields full crops. Some will say that this excessive diversion of flood water would cause the Umatilla to go dry, but in this connection I refer to the attention of the reader to Bulletin 124, issued by the United States senate, giving the message of our late president, William McKinley, or rather to that part of it showing that this diversion of water from running streams amounts to when the water is given back to the land through irrigation. To quote from said bulletin: "The following table, showing the increase in rivers from return or seepage waters, is the result of careful measurements extending over many years. They are taken from the reports of the state engineers of Colorado and Wyoming and of the experiment stations of the Colorado Agricultural college.

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"YOUNG MRS. WINTHROP." The Mordant-Humphrey presentation of "Young Mrs. Winthrop," which opened at Corday's last night for a four nights' run, is the best which has appeared at that theatre during the season. It tells of certain phases of English society, and that from the pen of Bronson Howard. The production is distinctly different from the average modern problem play and combines a genuine heart interest with undoubted merit. The lines and dialogue throughout are cleverly constructed to the person who likes a quiet but intensely interesting moral story "Young Mrs. Winthrop" may be recommended. The past of the heroine is conspicuous by its absence. In the young Mrs. Winthrop Ola Humphrey has splendid advantages for emotional work, and loses none of the manifold opportunities to display her undoubted merit as a clever actress. Edwin Mordant, in the role of Douglas Winthrop, has much of the heavy work. Jane Templeton supplies the comedy element as Mrs. Dick Chetwynd, a woman who is an authority on husbands. She ought to, because she has had two and divorced and remarried one of them. The action of the play gives an insight into the home lives of Mr. and Mrs. Constance Winthrop. The young wife is somewhat neglected by the husband, who gets into the habit of frequently leaving for the office in the evening. A mother's love for her child keeps the wife home considerably until she has a baby. The Mrs. Constance Winthrop is led into a frivolous social life and she dangles along in the swim with the rest of those on pleasure bent until finally a separation is agreed upon between the unhappy pair. Everything about the reality division is all right until it comes to the disposition of the burial plot in the cemetery. This leads

to a reconciliation and love once more enters the home. Miss Humphrey displays some gorgeous gowns during the action of the play. Miss Templeton gave a breezy, vivacious portrait of Mrs. Dick Chetwynd, Edna Keeley, who appeared as Edith, is a former Portland girl and possesses undoubted talent. William Morgan was good as Herbert, and Frank B. Fanning acceptably essayed the role of Buxton Scott, a friend of the family. "Young Mrs. Winthrop" will continue up to and including Wednesday evening. Commencing Thursday evening "A Gold Mine," in which Nat Goodwin has been seen, will be the bill.

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"THE BURGOMASTER" TOMORROW. Gustav Luders, the composer of "The Burgomaster," that most tuneful of all musical comedy successes, had to stand up to watch a performance of this, his favorite work, in Chicago recently. Luders stood bravely through the entire performance. When the famous song, "The Tale of the Kangaroo," was sung by the big company, Luders went to W. T. Cullen, the manager of the company, and said: "If I could only get another libretto like 'The Burgomaster' I could write some more music as good as this. Nothing I have ever done since has inspired me as 'The Burgomaster' did." Luders also composed the music for "King Dodo" and "The Prince of Pilsen." This season "The Burgomaster" is seen with a new production and new costumes and with the original Chicago and New York cast, including Ruth White, William Riley Hatch, Thomas Ricketts, R. J. Moyer, George McKissock and others. The newcomers in the company are Charles Sharp, Helen Dexter, Harriet Sheldon, Louise Brackley and Josephine Ditt. Oscar L. Fisman is the new burgomaster and has made a hit. "The Burgomaster" will be seen at the Marquam Grand theatre tomorrow and Wednesday afternoon and night.

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"THE DAIRY FARM." Tomorrow at 10 p. m. the advance cast of seats will open for "The Dairy Farm," the rural drama which will come to the Marquam Grand theatre next Thursday, Friday, Saturday afternoon and night, September 24, 25 and 26. The little comedienne, Osa Waldrop, who has endeared herself to thousands of the patrons of the Alcazar theatre, San Francisco, will be seen as Minty in Belasco & Mayer's big production of "The Dairy Farm." Miss Waldrop had intended going to New York, but the part of Minty was so exactly suited to her peculiar personality that she was induced to cancel her Eastern engagement and remain with her present managers. "The Dairy Farm" was enormously successful in the East, where it never closed summer or winter during more than three years. BAKER COMPANY'S SUCCESS. Los Angeles, Sept. 21.—One of the greatest audiences that ever crowded into Moroccos Burbank theatre in this city witnessed the first appearance of the Baker Theatre company last night. The advance sale was remarkable and the theatre was packed to the rafters. The act there were 415 people who had to be accommodated with standing room and chairs in the aisles. The opening bill of the company, which will appear here for six weeks before going to Portland, was "The Liars." Edna Archer Crawford, the new leading woman, scored. Miss Rivers, Miss Hyatt and Miss Gleason were also received with favor. George Allison, William Bernard and Howard Russell won applause.

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Do you need a new rocker? No matter what room you may desire it for, we have just what you need. We are showing some very handsome ones on our first floor, which, by the way, is now finished and in order again. Some have high backs and broad arms, some are made with low backs and low-shaped arms. There are some very handsome ones upholstered in rich toned durable leather. Do you care for the old-fashioned rush seat rockers? We have those, too. In weathered oak we have some very handsome old English patterns with deep carving. These are well worth having. Come, look at them.

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THE STORE NOTED FOR GOOD GOODS AT LOWEST PRICES Dress Goods Sale Extraordinary WORK OF DESTRUCTION Will commence Friday at high noon. The tearing out of the dividing walls is a cipher in comparison to the task of removing the solid block of masonry on the Morrison-street side of our building. BEHIND THOSE WALLS Are housed the fine imported black and colored dress goods that have made the firm name famous—ask any dressmaker—ask any woman about McAllen & McDonnell's dress goods. THIS MORNING The entire stock was placed on sale, and will be sold regardless of cost of importation. We ask you in all sincerity not to miss this opportunity. No samples cut or mailed during this sale. LAST WEEK Was the banner week for sales. Never before have we done such a volume of business. The coming week with renewed effort and more salespeople, we are determined to break the record. We invite you to partake of some of the good things that we are offering. ANTICIPATE YOUR WANTS In Blankets, quilts, curtains and table linens, warm underwear, jackets, capes, suits, waists. Some day the alteration sale will end. EXTRA SALESMEN WANTED Three competent salesmen of polite address wanted. We aim to give the best service. McAllen & McDonnell, 161-163-165 THIRD STREET, 260-262-264 MORRISON STREET. ESTABLISHED 1884. Old Store, 165 Third St. PHONE MAIN 734.

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Return Waters from Irrigation. "Powder river, original volume, 127.7 second feet; gain from seepage, 86.9 second feet; number of miles, 25. "South Platte, original volume, 45.7 second feet; gain from seepage, 217.1 second feet; number of miles, 98. "Horse creek, original volume, 18.3 second feet; gain from seepage, 79.8 second feet; number of miles, 70. "The addition to a stream of a greater volume of water than it carried originally would seem to partake of the miracle of the leaves and fishes, but this is not a miracle. These measurements were made during the latter part of the irrigation season. The large increase comes from the greater volume diverted when these rivers run high. The fact that a stream like the South Platte, carrying only 45 second feet, should gain in less than 100 miles from the seepage of irrigated fields nearly twice as much as it carried when it left the mountains, is significant of the benefits which are to come to irrigators farther down by the further extension of the reclaimed area above. Water used in irrigating is in large part returned to the drainage channels and can be again and again diverted for irrigation. On the Cache la Poudre creek, in Colorado, experiments were made showing that into the original discharge in the canyon was 127 cubic feet per second, the volume at a point considerably lower down on the stream had increased to 214 cubic feet per second. The irrigators are benefited without receiving additional material drainage; an addition of more than two thirds of the original volume, available to supply canals lower down. If this means anything to us it means that the irrigators are benefited by the water in their thorough canals. It can be used over and over and in increasing the volume. I am positive this is the best solution of the difficulty, for this section, at least, the Columbia and its tributaries carries a large volume of water in the flood season, and by utilizing this water the stream will be very greatly enlarged in the dry season, from seepage or return waters, and the 200,000 acres, before mentioned, will be increased in value from \$25 to \$100 per acre in excess of the cost of the construction of a canal for the diversion of the waters, of which we have an abundant proof shown by the results of land irrigated by flood waters in this vicinity. Given water there is no more productive land in the country than in this great basin between the Blues and Cascades, and the Columbia on the north. We are favored with the Columbia and its tributaries can be done almost any day. Our springs are early and seasons consequently long. Our alfalfa is ready for the first cutting in May. We can ripen fruit, earlier than any other place in Oregon. In fact, this is one of the most favored spots in the country in all save water, and there is enough of that going to waste past our very doors to water from one to two hundred quarter sections. Do not understand that I am opposed

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COURSES IN ENGINEERING. Important Addition to Studies at Columbia University. The introduction of courses in civil engineering, mechanical engineering and electrical engineering accounts considerably for this year's increased attendance at Columbia University. Until these courses were opened at University Park, Portland was without home facilities for these branches of college work. This year only students entitled to freshman standing are admitted to these courses. Those who belong to this term will be advanced regularly until graduation four years hence. The young men of Portland who are unable to leave their homes during the school year are welcoming the opportunity to take up these standard courses so convenient to their homes. Freshman work is also introduced in classics, English, general science, history and economics, finance and commerce, in addition to the engineering courses above mentioned. These courses are open to high-school graduates, and all applicants who have attained a corresponding grade in reputable preparatory schools. The academic courses at Columbia University are attended by a large number of students who are doing their preparatory work for these collegiate courses. The expansion of the school in this respect is looked upon as a principal cause for the large increase in attendance this year. The indications are that this increase will reach 80 per cent, as it has now passed the 57 per cent mark.