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Couches, \$7 to \$20, combination writing desk and bookcases \$18 to \$55, dressing tables \$10 to \$20. Writing desks for ladies \$5 to \$25, Roman chairs \$1.20 to \$6. Rockers all styles, all woods, all finishes upholstered or not \$2.50 to \$28, Morris chairs \$9 to \$22, Parlor suits \$17.50 to \$40, divans, Roman chairs, (upholstered), corner chairs, easy chairs, tabourettes, jardiniere stands, foot stools, music cabinets, etc. Also a complete line of dining room tables, sideboards, buffets, china closets, hall racks, odd dressers and chiffoniers. TERMS TO SUIT THE OCCASION.

### Carpet Department Hints

Carpet sweepers, small rugs, in an almost endless assortment, room size rugs, the most complete stock in the city, lace curtains, portiers, rope, chenille or tapestry, table covers, couch covers, door mats, etc.

### Ideas for Her "What to Give Him" from Our Men's Clothing Section

Smoking jacket, hats, shoes, trunks, a nice umbrella, an overcoat, a new suit or what might be appreciated more than anything else a nice gold or silver watch, which can be bought by paying a small deposit down and \$1.00 a week.

# WE MAKE IT EASY FOR YOU TO GIVE!

### What He "Can Select Her" (Wife, Sister, Sweetheart, Daughter) in Our Ladies' Cloak and Suit Store

Dress or walking skirts, tailor-made suits, coats, capes, wraps, velvet, flannel or cotton waists, petticoats, fur boas or collarettes, lace collars, feather boas, shawls, etc.

### MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES

Smoking sets, shaving sets, military brushes, writing sets, dresser sets, photo holders, necktie cases, collar and cuff boxes, ash trays, umbrellas, lamps, clocks and last, but not least, a line of musical instruments, consisting of banjos, mandolins, guitars, violins, accordions and zithers, which we close out at fifty per cent below selling price.

## Buy Now When You Need Pay Later When You Can

# EASTERN OUTFITTING CO. 390 Washington Street "The Store Where Your Credit Is Good"

## SOAMI RAM AND CASTE CURSED INDIA

HE SAYS NOTHING CAN BE DONE TO CONVERT OR REFORM THE HINDU TILL THE CASTE SYSTEM IS BROKEN DOWN—EXPLAINS PLAN TO LARGELY AUDIENCE.

Soami Ram, an emissary in behalf of the caste-cursed people of India, was introduced to a large audience at the Marquam Grand theatre yesterday afternoon by Mayor Williams. Soami Ram's mission, to the United States is to raise enough money to bring 20 or more English-speaking and educated young Hindus to this country to learn the American customs and keep them in industrial schools for a year or two.

Soami Ram's voice broke down, apparently he was ready to cease speaking, and he closed his address. He said that caste is the greatest burden that could be visited on any people. In India one must forever remain in the class in which he is born. A tiger begets a tiger; a lion, a lion; a dog, a dog. From a flower comes a flower; from a mango, a mango. And so on, from a merchant, a merchant; a warrior, a warrior; a laborer always a laborer in the Hindu caste. This, he said, is a great handicap to the development of industry and commerce. A caste, no matter how low, must not come in contact with a foreigner; if he does he becomes an outcast. This is true of the lowest of the low. The daughter of a public woman must always be a public woman.

On account of caste the missionaries sent to India accomplish but a minimum of good. They cannot mix with or go among the people freely. The few Hindus they have converted to Christianity are ostracized by their fellow countrymen and form a class distinctly by themselves. The converts can do no good; they cannot work among their own people.

While the English government means well, he said, and though it has provided universities to teach the higher classes, it has made no effort to break down caste. If the customs of India are abolished it must be through their own people. All reform comes from within. That this reform could be accomplished is shown by the fact that after the visit of a young Hindu merchant to the United States, where he observed the equality of the people, and after telling his people about it on his return home, his caste, representing 10,000 men, met and abolished child marriage, so that girls will be allowed to reach maturity before given in marriage to men and boys.

Soami Ram says the spirit of Christ was on earth thousands of years before Christianity was known. He says it is in the Hindu scriptures.

### COLUMBIA RIVER SOUVENIR.

The O. R. & N. advertising department this morning received advance orders for a new Columbia river souvenir book. Many of the largest views are entirely new, and the character of the work is good. The majority of the cuts were furnished by the O. R. & N. in its work of exploiting the scenic features of the state, and the book will be circulated by every news and train agent of the country. Among some of the new views are scenes on the Columbia and in the local harbor.

## A TRIP WITH SLUM WORKER

CAPTAIN ANDERSON OF THE VOLUNTEERS TELLS OF THE STRANGERS WHO GAMBLER AND THE WOMAN WHO WANTED GRABBY, THROUGH MAKING A GOOD LIVING.

"Not all appeals to us come from the ignorant and depraved," said Captain Anderson of the Volunteers of America, today. "The other day I aided a young man of refinement and education, who came recently from Tacoma, where his parents are of high standing. The young man lost more than \$250 in a gambling place in the north end, and was utterly wretched. He is now working in the city and expects to regain his losses by hard work."

"Every day ragged men come to us—men with mere strings for shoes; men with ragged coats, no vest and tattered shirts; men without hats; men with but two garments; men with scarcely one. Whether they are worthy or not, they must be aided if the great throng of afflicted is to have confidence in our preaching."

"A day or so ago a woman of the lowest class came to me and asked me to pray beside her dying sister in sin. In a battered house on Everett street I found the woman, past middle age, and a wreck from excesses. Abject poverty showed itself in every inch of the dreary room, and by the pallet of rags three of us workers knelt and prayed. The woman died while we were on our knees."

"The Thanksgiving work brought out many queer experiences. I received one call for aid from a man who in a note said he was near death, and his wife was suffering. I went with a box of provisions to the number and found it to be quite a respectable lodging-house. I had no uniform on, and no one could have told my mission. At my ring a well-dressed woman came to the door and on questioning her I found she was the wife of the man who had written the note, and that she also was the landlady of the place. I also discovered that she was making a good living and wanted the provisions merely to save a few dollars. When I told her who I was she did not seem much taken back. 'Oh yes, we can use the things very nicely,' she said, and was even angry when I told her that only the very poor could be aided by our organization."

In the opinion of Captain Anderson there is a serious condition confronting the city, and he believes that the vast throng of idle men, that is being daily increased by arriving crowds of penniless tramps and laborers out of a job, is a real menace to the prosperity of the city, and will, before the summer season comes, prove a huge burden on all the forces of organized charity.

### "ALLURING ARRAYS."

Of beautiful pictures and novelties in frames. New shapes, latest finishes of Flemish and weathered oak, green and burnished golds, at Sanborn, Vail & Co.'s, 170 First street. Store open evenings.

**B. B. RICH MOISTENING BOX.** Holds 50 and 100 cigars. Appropriate for smokers, \$2.50 to \$5.

**B. B. RICH HOLIDAY CIGARS.** Cigars make a proper present. Right prices at any B. B. Rich cigar store.

## RIGHT OF WAY SECURE SAYS LYTLE

LAND-GRABBERS MAY ROB LEGITIMATE SETTLERS OF A CHANCE TO TAKE UP FARM LANDS ON THE COLUMBIA SOUTHERN EXTENSION, BUT CAN'T RUST THE LINE.

President E. E. Lytle of the Columbia Southern this morning denied that the road had any trouble in securing its right of way.

"We have our right of way platted for the entire 100 miles of the extension to Bend," said he. "If you notice that map on the wall there, you will see that the secretary of the interior approved the entire right of way last July, and that no changes will be made from what has been officially acted upon may be positively assured. Of course, we may in some cases change the right of way for a few hundred feet, but the line as a whole has been mapped out. We have no surveyors in the field looking over several routes. We know where we will go."

"Land-grabbers may rob legitimate settlers of a chance at farm lands along the company's right of way, but this cannot be helped."

"They are not injuring us, as we have our right of way and we will hardly make any fight under such circumstances."

From reports at the offices of the company, it is certain that the country south of Shaniko, along the Columbia Southern extension, will be very richly increased in value. Government land down there is generally taken up, where it is at all accessible, and before a foot of track has been laid vast tracts of fine farming territory will jump from nothing to \$25 an acre. The fore-runners of the boom are in the country, and various speculations are being exploited, most of which have to do with farm land schemes, but the town site agent is not absent.

## AT THE THEATRES

### THE BAKER'S NEW INGENUITY.

Miss Oza Waldrop, the Baker Stock company's new ingenue, made her debut at the Baker theatre yesterday in the opening performance of Hoyt's "A Midnight Bell." Miss Waldrop is a young lady of wonderful cleverness and made a distinct hit in "Minty in 'The Dairy Farm,'" recently at the Marquam Grand. When that play closed its season she was engaged by Manager Baker. Her part is that of "Dot."

Her impersonation is charmingly artistic and in nothing more than in the fine restraint with which she outlines and colors the gradual development of the character under new emotions and environments without abrupt transitions and displaying broadening intelligence without losing the infantile innocence that is the basis of the whole personality of "Dot."

viewed. It is one of the very best of Hoyt's comedies. It will continue for the rest of the week and is well worth a visit. The character parts are handled with consummate skill and artistic ability.

### "HELLO BILL."

"Hello Bill" opened at Cordray's yesterday for a week's run and is one of the most laughable farce-comedies that has been billed at the popular Washington street playhouse this season. It is built to a great extent after such fun-producers as "Too Much Johnson" and "The Man From Mexico" and there are laughs, laughs, laughs from beginning to end. It is in the hands of really clever people and is produced with a skill that most disarms criticism of the piece itself.

The play concerns an indiscretion on the part of W. Fuller (J. D. Murphy) on the eve of his marriage. He enters a gambling house which is raided by the police and is let out on bail in time to attend the ceremony. His friend Cutting endeavors to fix things and certainly succeeds. The husband fears that he will be compelled to serve 60 days in jail and a paper at hand contains a Washington dispatch announcing the appointment of W. Fuller to the position of lieutenant-colonel. This he pretends means his call to the front and he leaves. In the meantime the real army Fuller performs wonderful feats of bravery in Cuba and is promoted to a brigadier-generalship.

When the papers announce his return the bogus army hero comes back from a little sojourn in Jersey, and is received with brass bands and a reception. The real General Fuller learns of the reception of W. Fuller to the position of lieutenant-colonel. This he pretends means his call to the front and he leaves. In the meantime the real army Fuller performs wonderful feats of bravery in Cuba and is promoted to a brigadier-generalship.

Finally the bogus hero confesses his secret to the real general and the latter agrees to carry out the farce.

Kathleen Clifford is very pretty and vivacious and has a good stage presence, but she could improve her acting by a clearer enunciation. Half the time one can scarcely understand what she says. Arthur L. Coglier made an impressive and thoroughly likable Gen. W. Fuller (the real thing); Frank M. Kelly, as C. Cutting, "the fixer," and W. Fuller, the bogus general, carried the most of the comedy. Echin P. Gayer was excellent as Dr. Hastings, the Englishman.

### "A TRIP TO CHINATOWN."

Can you imagine anything funnier than a Hoyt performance? "A Trip to Chinatown," one of the best farces that playwright ever gave to the public will be the New Year week attraction at the Empire, starting Sunday night next. Jack Campbell the comedian, so long identified with the team of Smith and Campbell, will be supported by a company of Eastern artists under the management of Saylor and Miller.

### "THE BONNIE BRIDE BUSH."

Kirke La Shelle is considering a spectacular metropolitan production of "The Bonnie Brier Bush" in New York next spring. If he carries out his plan the scene will be the academy of music, where the successful Ian MacLaren play would have room to enjoy all the scenic splendors of which it is capable. The production would differ from that now on the road only in the size of the scenes and the increased number of minor characters. The principals will remain the same, with J. H. Stoddard

still giving his remarkable stage picture of the gentle and hard-headed Lechlan Campbell, and Reuben Fax continuing as the philosophical, tipping Posty. "The Bonnie Brier Bush" comes to the Marquam Grand for five nights commencing tomorrow night with matinee Xmas and Saturday.

### STANFORD MUSICIANS.

The Stanford Glee and Mandolin clubs come to the Marquam Grand theatre next Monday night.

The Glee club is in good form, especially in the bass, and sang with plenty of spirit and excellent attention to shading and expression.

Mr. Byrne, the raconteur, with his smile that defies description, his clever mimicry and dramatic power, and Bush and Baker, the two funny men, have an infinite variety of good stories.

### CHRISTMAS SUNDAY.

Sunset published by the Southern Pacific advertising department for Christmas, is out with two Equinox babies for a cover design. A new feature is a series of four full-page color plates of cowboy life at Christmas time on the range. An unusual number of good drawings are given and the photographs are interesting and artistic.

### B. B. RICH CIGAR CASES.

Leather cigar cases are appreciated. Large variety at B. B. Rich cigar store.

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