

ASK PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE

COMMISSIONER THOMAS SAYS THAT PRECAUTIONS HAVE NOT BEEN TAKEN TO INSURE NEW DRYDOCK AND TALKABLE CONTENTS AGAINST FIRES.

A number of those who inspected the new drydock the other day are of the opinion that better fire protection should be at the site. With the present arrangement the only protection provided consists of a water tank and a hose. The tank is near the power house and is of 10,000 gallons capacity. In the event of fire it is pointed out that this supply of water would be exhausted in about 15 or 20 minutes, and then the dock would be at the mercy of the flames. Commissioner Thomas is strongly in favor of more adequate fire protection down there. He says:

"I have urged the commission to put in a pump at the dock. The kind that would be required, including all the necessary apparatus, would cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000. The commission claims this would mean too large an outlay of money, and that the opinion that the dock owners could be held responsible for all damage done in painting a vessel a liberal supply of turpentine is used, and it is a very easy matter for a fire to get started. There should be a pump operated by electricity at the site, and a line of hose on each side of the dock. A fire could then be extinguished in short order. By failing to make such a provision the dock is likely to go up in smoke at any time, and with it will go thousands of dollars of the taxpayers' money."

FAIR IS PRAISED BY IRWIN MAHON

In reply to a letter from President Jefferson Myers of the state commission of the Lewis and Clark fair, Irwin Mahon, secretary of the American Mining Congress, has written his views as to the value of such exhibitions as to certain problems and their solution. Mr. Mahon in part says: "To those who have studied, and therefore understand the subject, there is but one opinion, and that opinion clearly and decidedly sustains the statement, that the general good flowing from properly arranged and well managed exhibitions is incalculable, especially in new countries. The success of the coming Lewis and Clark exposition is of such vast importance, not alone to the great state of Oregon, and the northwest, but to the entire coast country, north, south, east and west. All alike are intensely interested and should to a man stand shoulder to shoulder in making perfect this proposed enterprise for their common good."

MISS SCHUMANN-HEINK.
Miss Schumann-Heink, the famous contralto who is to be heard here April 19, at the Marquam Grand, is one of the foremost artists of the world. She is one of the few singers before the public at the present, who is able to interest all classes of music lovers. There seems to be an electric current which flows between the artist and her auditors, which is induced by the effectiveness of her voice and her mind. There seems to be a tranquillizing influence upon the part of the singing and auditor which impresses and exercises a fascination in this wonderful art, as exemplified in so great a singer as Schumann-Heink.
Whatever Schumann-Heink renders, it is the work of an artist. There is no guess work in anything she does. It is true vocal art, and her singing is a veritable object lesson in the true art of song. The poise, the wonderful command and restraint of magnificent tone, volume, the tone-placing, and in fact all the perquisites of tone producing, that are marvelous to behold are exhibited.

How dearly the editor of a Salem paper does love to get himself into print, especially with the "Col." always prefixed.

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AT THE THEATRES

"RICHARD III"

It was not a large house that greeted Charles H. Hanford when he appeared at the Marquam Grand Theatre last night in "Richard III." Shakespeare seems to throw a blight even on good actors as when they would ever dream of doing it at any other time, grimaces and roars as nobody in life ever did unless he was insane. Hanford, however, with only trifling lapses, gave Richard's thrilling lines in excellent style and with good taste. Frederick Sprosser, as Richmond, was at his best. The duel scenes with which the play closes was splendid and exciting. Sparks flew from the whirling two-handed swords and it took real skill in fencing on the part of both performers to go through their various maneuvers. Devore Farmer, the Duke of Buckingham, was worthy of mention.
Marie Drifnah, as Lady Anne, was more than commonly tearful. The rest of the cast was up to the average of the Shakespearean productions that are not on the most magnificent scale. The piece is well mounted.

"THE TWO VAGABONDS"

A great deal of interest is already being shown in "The Cowboy and the Lady," which the new Neill-Morocco company will present next week at the Baker, beginning Sunday afternoon. A typical play of western ways, depicting the life of cowboys on the range—and yet not a melodramatic production, but a comedy as often used for this purpose, as is possible for one class of literary effort to be from another, it is pleasing to all classes of theatre-goers and ranks with "Arcturion" and "The Power of a Cartoon" as plays of that character.

"THE TWO VAGABONDS"

The entertainment furnished by the Olympia Comic Opera company is just what the doctor ordered for this season of the year, and Comras' theatre is a cool and pleasant place to spend a summer evening. "The Two Vagabonds" is a masterpiece of a production, but it is well staged, beautifully costumed and sung in an artistic manner. Miss Kendall's "Rosalie" is a revelation to her most ardent admirers. She has proved herself to be a most versatile and capable actress. Mr. ... to have ... to himself last night. He sang with much feeling and finish. The others were all good.

"THE POWER OF A CARTOON"

Homer Davenport, the great cartoonist, will appear Thursday next at the Marquam Grand, when he will speak on "The Power of a Cartoon."
Mr. Davenport, whose cartoons were as eagerly looked for as the news items in the New York papers, promises to become as well known as a speaker as he is as a cartoonist. Many of the tales told of his boyhood days in the little western town of Silverton, Or. instead of attending to business, the "hope of Silverton" spent his time in caricaturing his employers, and consequently was always in search of employment. At last, however, a local paper employed him, and from a "Jack of all trades" he has risen meteorically to be the most popular cartoonist in America.
Mr. Davenport has developed an extraordinary ability for story-telling and his lectures—or rather, succession of stories—which he illustrates with rapid cartoon drawings, keeps his audience in a continual bubble of merriment.
Many tales—each told as only Homer Davenport can tell them—make up an entertainment that no man can afford to miss. Although his victims have been many, they bear him no malice, and are numbered amongst his most intimate friends. When Senator Hanna was asked his opinion of Davenport he simply remarked, "This is a genius." The advance sale is now open.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Number Prices.
St. Johns, Or., April 9.—To the Editor of The Journal: I permit you to correct the statement in your issue of April 9, relative to war in cutting prices of lumber wherein we and other lumber concerns outside of the mills constituting the City-Retail Lumber company of Portland, Oregon, are accused of cutting the price \$2 to \$3 per 1,000 feet, in order to get into the Portland market.

The A. S. Douglass mills are not soliciting orders in Portland and never will be. We are happy to see our competitors here in St. Johns are making with us. Let us have fair prices, which, however, can be maintained only by limiting the supply to the demand. We are unable to figure any profit in night sawing, which, of course, is the direct cause of an over production, and on account of this over production is the only reasonable excuse for cutting prices.

Very small figures, small, cutting a very small figure in the lumber industry, we will be highly pleased to assist in maintaining prices and grades of lumber to the mutual satisfaction of both the manufacturer and consumer.

And now that we have on the Pacific coast one of the most promising industrial seasons of all, it is a pity that the lumber business, the greatest of our Pacific coast industries, to be slaughtered to the detriment of all, which means the entire coast.

We will be glad at any time to meet any and all lumber manufacturers for the better understanding of our industry and management of the same. Most truly,
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Now It Happened in Prineville.
Prineville, Or., April 12.—To the Editor of The Journal:—The unit rule seems to be a contention in the Democratic party. Therefore take warning from Prineville. Joe Hinkle got one vote yesterday in our county convention for judge, a unit of the first water. But he was declared beaten, he was in favor of the unit rule, but opposed to the way it worked against him. Instructed delegation for W. B. Hearst. Other counties do likewise.

Albany Democrat: A Linn county man upon receiving a statement of the amount of taxes due amounting to \$42.05 sent a check to the sheriff for just double the amount, \$84.10.

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TRAMP ARMY MOVES TO NORTH STATES

LARGE NUMBERS OF WANDERING WILLIES ARE TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON AND OREGON—VANGUARD REACHES PORTLAND—CAMPFIRE ALONG TRAIL.

With the coming of the warm days of the early spring the members of the Pacific coast corps of the great American tramp army begin to wander from the sunshine of the southern climes to spend the next few months basking among the Oregon and Washington everglades. The skirmish-line of the army has reached Portland.

"De rest of de bunch is comin'" remarked one of the new arrivals to Patrolman S. S. Young yesterday morning. "We is de early birds. Say, do you know where de worm is?" The patrolman was of the opinion that it might be found in the city jail. He gave the traveler an opportunity to find out.

Although there were a few weary strangers strolling into Portland during the rainy days of week before last, there was no general rush. The knights of the brakebeam preferred to wait until the real Oregon sunshine began to warm the hearts of the water-soaked foot before they left the heat of the south. In trampdom news travels quickly. The first signs that the rains had stopped for a while, at least, was quickly heralded to the country below Mount Shasta.

During the past few days the exodus from the California plateau has been on in real earnest. Bright campfires have been gleaming all along the Southern Pacific tracks since last Tuesday. Portland is the first city where a long stop is made by the hoboes. The coming and going have not been noticed by the local police for many years. But their stay in Portland is often cut short by the local police. Many of the time-honored camping spots of the weary Willies now form sites for large warehouses and wholesale blocks. The hobo travelers have been compelled to seek greener fields and pastures new.

But just as sure as come spring days the tramp army puts in its appearance. The first signs of Oregon sunshine are sure harbingers of the northward movement of the vast collection of the genus hobo that live during the cool months of winter in the sunlight of California, New Mexico and Arizona.

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CLERK BALKS AT CHERRY RED LIPS

MR. FIELDS' FRIENDS CALL HIS BLUFF AT PROMISING TO KISS THE BRIDE, AND HE QUITS INDIGNANTLY—AMUSING RESULT OF CAMPAIGN SPEECHES.

While making his campaign tour prior to the Republican primaries, Frank S. Fields, the county clerk, was in the habit of making a speech in this wise: "Ladies and gentlemen: I am the man who presides behind the marriage license desk at the county court house. Now, if any of you people contemplate getting married you want to stand in with me. I'm a good man to have for a friend. If you treat me real nice I will kiss the bride."

As a matter of fact, it is claimed, Fields never kissed a bride in his life but his own. The boys called his bluff yesterday and found him a quitter of the rank and file.

A license to wed was issued to Alonzo B. Deamer, aged 26 years, of Clarke

PROSPECT IS GOOD FOR FRUIT CROP

The prune crop was not sold as readily last year as usual, according to Commissioner W. K. Newell of the first district at the semi-annual meeting of the state board of horticulture. The reason assigned by the commissioner was the immense holdover stock in California.

The reports which were read yesterday at the meeting by the commissioner of the five districts showed that the fruit-growers are prosperous; that this year's prospects are good; that nurseries have sold out their stock rapidly. It also showed that the plague of the San Jose scale is raging. The scale has caused endless trouble to the fruit-growers who have been able to find no effectual means of destroying it.

The laws in regard to spraying are hard to enforce. It is said and President E. L. Smith declared himself in favor of causing arrests and bringing the affair to a test. The others of the board, however, objected on the ground that its duty was mainly advisory and that recourse to the law should be avoided as much as possible.

It was shown at the meeting that the nursery business is the most profitable connected with fruit-growing. So far this year fruit trees have not been injured and are beginning to bud rapidly. Barring frosts and an excess of rain it was predicted that this year would be a big one for the fruit-growing industry.

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