

TOWN TOPICS

TONIGHT'S AMUSEMENTS.

Marquand Grand Made Adams
Cordery's A Thoroughbred Drama
The Baker A Thoroughbred Drama
Arden A Thoroughbred Drama
Shields's Park A Thoroughbred Drama
Bible A Thoroughbred Drama
Lyric A Thoroughbred Drama
Vanderbilt A Thoroughbred Drama

The fastest and finest boat on the river is the *Bay State*, and it runs through from Portland to The Dalles, Lytle, White Salmon, Hood River, Moffett's, St. Martin and Collins Hot Springs, Cascade Locks and the fish canneries, and way points without change, notwithstanding false statements to the contrary. If you would link comfort with this trip see that the *Bay State* remains uppermost in your mind. Traveling, unless for pleasure, is in most cases tiring, but this ride, if taken on the *Bay State*, never. Meals served on board and leaving nothing to be desired—couldn't be better. *Bay State* leaves Alder street wharf at 7 a. m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Steamer *Regulator* leaves same wharf and at same time every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Phone Main 914.

The Women's auxiliary of the Sellwood board of trade, at their meeting yesterday, Miss E. A. Ball presiding, decided to award three prizes to children for the best kept front and back yards this summer. The prizes are to be either cash or books and will be awarded by a committee in the fall. Competing youngsters are asked to write essays on their method for keeping the yards in fine trim. This meeting and the determination to offer rewards is part of the general civic improvement movement that has reached Sellwood.

Many pioneers have called at the Union Laundry, Second and Columbia, to see how "things are done" in modern times in a modern laundry. Our steam-heated pollsters astonished them. It was indeed new to see ironing done by a machine that does not scorch the linen or rot the fabric, as does the old style fire-heated pollsters. The good old folks enjoyed the visit—and we enjoyed the pleasure of showing them around. Our telephone is Main 398.

The smartest boat on the river is the *Charles R. Spencer*, and it runs through from Portland to The Dalles without change. The *Spencer* has never lost a trip on account of high water. It is not the kind that is disconcerted by a little extra flow of water. Her berth is at the foot of Washington street, from whence she departs every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday morning at 7 o'clock. Take the best boat, the fastest boat and the newest boat that sails from Portland.

There are two things to consider about painting—the cost of the paint and the cost of the labor. It usually costs about twice as much for painting as for paint. Buy good paint that will wear for five years, or more, and you won't have to stand the cost of painting so frequently. Buy State Paint. It is what you need. See Fisher, Thorne & Co., corner Fremont and Morrison streets, for "everything in paint."

At a recent meeting of the Methodist Ministers' association of the city, a resolution was unanimously passed commending Albert N. Fisher, D. D., retiring editor of the *Pacific Christian Advocate*, on the 12 years of service he has rendered in this city, and expressing the hope that he will continue to make Portland his home for many years to come.

Y. M. C. A. boys are rejoicing because of the announcement of Camp Ladd that the annual encampment will last 10 days this year, beginning July 6, and that the same grounds will be near Cascade, on the Columbia. While the camp will probably not be large, the outing will be none the less pleasant, and every comfort of the boy campers will be looked after.

Fred Fritz, proprietor of a saloon at the corner of Second and Burnside streets, was fined \$10 in the municipal court yesterday, for leaving his trapdoor open on the sidewalk, so that two blind men fell into it, they said, but settled the case when he gave cash \$250. He was arrested by Patrolman Griff Roberts.

Johnnie Wilson, a scow dweller on the upper Willamette, was brought to the police station last night suffering from having eaten a "swelled head" can of pork and beans that he had obtained at a bargain from a warehouse. For a time it was doubtful whether Johnnie or the poisoned delicacy would be victorious. He won out.

No transfers at Cascade Locks. The steamer *Spencer* sails through to The Dalles without change. The trifling high water in the locks does not interfere with this staunch and fleet river boat. Leaves foot of Washington street at 7 a. m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Telephone Main 1432.

Let us hear from you if you're in the market for some marble, granite or monumental work. We're dispensers of satisfaction. Otto Schumann, next door Taylor Street church.

Don't let your printing affairs bother you. We can help you in ideas and execute them to your complete satisfaction. Metropolitan Printing Co., 147 Front street.

Christopher M. Chambers, aged 26 years, died Monday night at 11 o'clock at the family residence, 805 Minnesota.

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OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS
416 Dekum Building
EXAMINATIONS FREE

Women's Exchange
129 Tenth Street, Near Alder.
DAILY MENU—THURSDAY
Tea, Coffee or Chocolate 5c
Cream Tomato Soup 15c
Chicken Fricassee, Hot Biscuits and
Orange Marmalade 25c
Cold Ham, Corn and Beans 15c
Egg and Sardine Salad, with French
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Cup Custard 10c
Bread and Butter 10c
order of 10c or more. Friday's menu published tomorrow.

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AGENCY PROBLEM BOTHERS COUNCIL

How to regulate employment agencies and weed out the bad while encouraging the good, was the problem tackled by the council license committee yesterday afternoon. The council at its last meeting, ordered an ordinance taxing all general agencies \$120 a year and local agencies \$750 a quarter. To this ordinance objection was made by representatives of the local agencies and it is not probable that it will be adopted by the committee or the council. An ordinance was introduced by Mr. Hansen, manager of the leading employment agency of the city, and this was favorably considered by the committee and will probably be adopted at a later meeting. Mr. Hansen's objection to the ordinance as considered by the council was that it did not prevent unreliable agencies securing a license and doing business, and to remedy this he suggested that a bond of \$1,000 be required from employment agencies, this to be forfeited should their operations prove to be dishonest.

FIRST TO PLANT WHEAT IN DAKOTA

Martin Thorsen died at his home, 165 East Thirty-fifth street, early this morning, aged 48 years. Mr. Thorsen lived in this city 18 years.

He was one of the first settlers in the Red river valley of North Dakota, and was the first man to demonstrate that wheat could be grown in the Dakotas.

Four children and a widow survive Mr. Thorsen. The children are: W. P. and M. G. Thorsen of the firm of Fisher, Thorsen & Co.; Mrs. May Johnson of Portland and Mrs. N. A. Johnson of Ellensburg, W. D. The funeral will be held at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon from Sunnyside M. E. church.

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VACANT SEAT ON COUNTY BENCH

Because County Commissioner W. L. Lightner felt that he had been ignored in his official capacity, he refused to occupy the bench in the county court with Judge Webster and County Commissioner Frank Barrows this morning. Though none of the officials are willing to explain the affair, it is known that since Commissioner Lightner's election friction has arisen between him and Commissioner Barrows. Judge Webster, it is stated, is not a party to the friends of both commissioners assert is a misunderstanding.

MINNESOTA DEMOCRATS.

(Journal Special Service.)
Duluth, Minn., July 22.—Owing to the late arrival of some of the delegates from the southern part of the state, the Democratic state convention was rather late in getting under way this morning. The convention will select four delegates at large and 18 district delegates to the St. Louis convention. The most of the delegates to the state convention have without instructions in regard to a choice for the presidential nomination, and a lively contest is expected on the convention floor between the Hearst element and its opponents. While the opposition to Hearst is largely favorable to Parker, its fight is for an uncommitted delegation.

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DESERTERS WILL BE PARDONED

THIRTY SHIPS WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATE OF GOOD CHARACTER BY CALLING ON CONSUL LABBE—SHIPWRECKERS OBJECT TO THE LAW.

All deserting French sailors at this port will be pardoned by calling at the office of French Consul Labbe and making a confession of their offenses. Those who fail to appear and make a clean breast of their misdoings will still be regarded in the light of law-breakers, and if found by officials of their government will be subject to punishment.

A copy of an act known as the amnesty law has been forwarded from Paris to French Consul Labbe. It provides for the pardon of all sailors who appear in person before him or other consul of his government and confess that they are deserters. The object is said to be for the purpose of giving them a chance to reform, and again re-enter the service with clear records.

The French sailors are an adjunct of the navy, and in the event of war they are likely to be called into action. For this reason a penalty has been prescribed for all who desert. For an offense of this character they are liable to an imprisonment for a term of not less than one month nor more than one year, depending upon the circumstances which impelled them to leave the ship.

But very frequently no charge is preferred against the men. If caught and they agree to go back on the vessel from which they took leave so unceremoniously the captains are usually so well pleased to get them in their employ again that they decide to file no charges against them.

It is said that the shippers generally are very much disappointed that the new law was enacted, believing that it will be the means of causing a greater number of desertions than there have been in the past. The argument is now advanced that when a sailor wants to desert he will have no scruples about doing so, knowing that all he will have to do in order to square himself will be to go before the consul and make a confession. He will then be presented with a certificate of good character, and will be enabled to seek and procure another position without being forced to the necessity, as is now the case, of hiding his identity. The French captain who was recently in this port heard that such a law was about to be enacted, and they deplored the results which it might lead up to very greatly.

Heretofore there have been fewer desertions from French ships than from the vessels of any other nation, but in some circles it is now believed that the matter will be reversed and there will be more. In addition to being punished for deserting there is another reason that the French sailors were strongly inclined to remain with their ships. After they have been in service for 30 years the government gives each of them a pension. The amount given is not very large, but it is said to be almost sufficient to clothe and feed them. In connection with some light employment it is decided that they could manage to get along very comfortably.

FEAT GAINS FOR JAPAN.
Arabia to Take a Record Breaking Shipment from Here.

This morning the oriental liner Arabia began taking on a big shipment of flat cars for Yokohama and Kobe. There are 100 cars in the lot, and it is said to be one of the largest shipments of rolling stock that ever left the Pacific coast for the far east. The first shipment of flat cars from Portland to Japan was made on the Nipponkoma, which sailed in June, carrying 28 cars.

Representatives of the Portland-Astoria company declare that the big shipment has nothing to do with the war now in progress. They say that it is entirely due to the development of Japan's resources. Despite the war it is claimed that the country is enjoying an era of unprecedented prosperity, and all kinds of new industries are being established.

The indications are that the Arabia will go out fully laden despite the conditions which exist at other Pacific coast ports. The cars alone will weigh 600 tons, while enough flour, grain and lumber have been secured to make the total shipment full, and it is said that the oriental business is rapidly assuming its old time proportions is shown from the fact that already 2,000 tons of flour have been contracted for to go to the coast on the Arabia, the next steamer to arrive from China and Japan.

NEW RUN FOR ARROW.
The steamer Arrow, which was built at this port two years ago, is enroute from Seattle to Seattle. The vessel was purchased several months ago by Hatch Brothers, and on her arrival at the Bay City will be re-named the Bluejacket and placed on the Alsea run in connection with Piper, Allen & Goddard's steamed. The Arrow, on the sound the Arrow, had several accidents and narrowly escaped destruction three or four times. She is a very fast little vessel and some exciting races are looked for, as it is said that the Arrow will easily give up her reputation as the swiftest boat on the bay.

MAINE NOTES.
Astoria, June 22.—Wind northwest; weather clear; bar smooth.
Sailed at 7:30, steamer Chilo for San Francisco.
Arrived at 6:30 a. m., schooner William Benton from San Francisco.
Sailed at 11 a. m., steamer Elmore for Tillamook and steamer Daring for Gray's harbor.
San Francisco, June 22.—Arrived last night, steamer Aurelia from Portland.

CHARTERED TO LOAD TIES.
Friday the steam schooner Redondo will sail from San Francisco for Portland. She is consigned to Taylor, Young & Co., and will load ties and lumber here for San Pedro. It is announced by the local agents that the vessel will make several trips between Portland and California points in the lumber trade. Last winter the Redondo was a frequent visitor in port.

For the Ocean Beach.
The popular steamer T. J. Potter will make her initial trip this season on Saturday, June 25, leaving Ash street dock promptly at 1 p. m.
Season tickets, Portland to any point on the beach, \$4.00. Saturday excursion tickets, good returning Sunday night, only \$2.50. Tickets and berth reservations at O. R. & N. city office, Third and Washington.

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NEW ERA PIANO SELLING

Arrival of S. S. "Nebraskan" Marks New Epoch in Piano Business.

Prices Will Be Still Lower at Ellers Piano House—Coupon Sale Continues.

Progress is the secret of success. No business concern can afford to rest upon past achievements, however brilliant. The Ellers Piano House years ago demonstrated the fact that a good, reliable piano is not necessarily a high-priced one. All thousands of people in this northwest who now possess fine pianos purchased from us will testify.

And now we are overcoming the problem of excessive freight charges. We have successfully brought the first large shipment of pianos to Portland by water. It is the largest shipment of pianos ever received by a single firm and came to us all the way round the Horn in the magnificent steamship "Nebraskan." Instruments were never received by us in finer condition. All that we have had time to unpack and without blemish, and the saving in freight charges on these instruments has been a big item.

Our days and nights now occupy our own stables, and when it is completed we will have one of the very largest and most up-to-date piano warehouses in the country. It is located right on the railway tracks, where instruments can be loaded direct to cars at no expense of cartage or handling and shipped to all parts of the northwest.

These important items, coupled with our other well-known method of saving money and the Ellers small-profit policy, is going to enable us to supply a much larger piano for less money than ever before.

But work on the warehouse has been badly delayed, and the one we have been occupying has been leased by the Portland General Electric company. Consequently, with this large shipment of pianos just received by steamer, we are greatly crowded and shall continue selling pianos and organs at great reductions.

Our entire line of fine pianos are included in this sale, twenty-six high-grade and popular makes—Chickering, Weber, Kimball, Mason, Lester, Robert M. Cable, Crown, Bush & Gerts, etc., etc.

Prices on these instruments have been reduced all the way from \$100 to \$150, and in addition, our advertising coupon attached is good for \$25 on any piano. Every instrument fully guaranteed and money back if there is not absolute satisfaction.

Prices such as these will not come again soon. Remember, we must sell or pay storage, and we would rather patrons had the benefit of our necessity than the warehouse men. Ellers Piano House, the largest, leading and most responsible piano concern on the Pacific Coast.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS DURING SALE.

CALL ISSUED FOR BIG CONGRESS

TRANS-MISSISSIPPI COMMERCIAL CONGRESS WILL MEET AT ST. LOUIS SEPTEMBER 10 TO 17—IN CHIEF WESTERN ORGANIZATION OF BUSINESS MEN.

Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress Thomas Richardson of this city today sent out the call for the next meeting of the congress. This meeting is to be held in the palace of education, within the grounds of the Louisiana purchase exposition, St. Louis, from September 10 to 17, inclusive. Headquarters for the congress are to be at the inside inn.

In the opinion of chairman Richardson, the coming annual meeting will be by far the biggest and most important meeting held since the organization of the congress 15 years ago. More big people will be present than at any preceding meeting, and more important matters will come up and be launched than at any preceding annual meeting.

Together with the call for the meeting, Chairman Richardson sent out a statement to the press agencies of the country, in part as follows: