

## TOWN TOPICS

## TONIGHT'S AMUSEMENTS.

Corday's "A Runaway Match"  
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Sundry hat ornaments, belts, gloves, fudge bags, leggings, moustaches and other articles of militia life are missing. cannot be discovered and former Capt. Arthur C. Clothier of Company C, Third Oregon Infantry, is charged by Adjt.-Gen. W. E. Finzer with being responsible for their loss. Captain Clothier was recently suspended for tardiness in sending his quarterly reports, but was reinstated because of his efficiency as a drill master. He soon afterwards resigned and on checking up the property entrusted to his care about \$100 worth of military accoutrements was discovered to be missing. A special board, consisting of Capt. C. T. Smith, Company E, Lieut. Bruce Kalix, Company H, Sgt. Lieut. J. H. Hibbard, has been appointed by Mr. Finzer to ascertain the present location of the articles and the cause of their vanishing. The report of the board has not yet been made public.

Sam Wagner, an expressman, brought suit against the city of Portland yesterday in the circuit court for \$2,000 damages, which he claims he has suffered because of an accident to himself while crossing the Northrup street bridge on July 3, 1903. Northrup says he was driving his horse over the bridge when the animal broke through the boards. This caused the animal to plunge forward. The rig struck the railing of the bridge and the driver was thrown beneath the wheels of the wagon which ran over him. He alleges that the accident was caused through the negligence of the city in not keeping the bridge in repair.

City Park Superintendent H. Lowitz is utilizing a large amount of the broken cement which is being taken from the walls of the city park reservoir with which to beautify the city reservation. He is taking the larger pieces and is constructing a wall several feet high along the upper part of the Washington street entrance. Along this wall will be planted ivy and other climbing vines. A wall will also surround the place where the water runs into the sewer, near this location. Over the entrance to this place the superintendent is building an arch of the concrete blocks.

The Prohibitionists are becoming active. They have filed petitions in 26 counties, asking that elections be held in November for local option and members of the party are hard at work gathering signatures in support of their petitions. In addition to this, the committee is arranging tours of the state for their best orators, including J. H. Glass of Pasadena, Cal., Dr. E. L. Tiffany of Rochester, N. Y., who will address a mass meeting at Orchard, September 2, and Col. John Sobieski of Los Angeles, who will remain throughout the fall campaign.

There is one steamboat ride that every man, woman and child in America ought to take. There is no finer scenery on earth than that of the Columbia, and there is no finer steamboat on the Columbia or Willamette rivers—in fact, there is none so fine and new, than the Charles R. Spencer. The Spencer leaves foot of Washington street Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for all points on the Columbia between Portland and The Dalles, passing within plain view of the great waterfalls, mountains, canyons and gorges that have made this river famous throughout all the world. T. L. Main 1422.

A second time Mother Agnes has been elected archdiocesan superior by the sisters of mercy at the Sunnyside home for the aged. Her policy during the two terms she has served has endeared her not only to the sisters but to all the dependents under her jurisdiction, which includes the Home for the Aged at Sunnyside, the Baby home at Park Place, the Mercy Home for Girls, at Sixteenth and Couch streets, and the Academy of Our Lady of Victory at Eugene.

Colonel L. L. Hawkins has recently had 12 large photographs, two feet or more square, framed. They are views of Mount Rainier and surrounding country, several very fine ones being of Squally glacier and Lost lake and Paradise valley, while one is the photograph of the battleship Oregon. These photographs are to be hung in the corridors of the city hall, most of them being placed on the fourth floor near the entrance to the rooms of the Massmans.

About 200 physicians are expected to visit Portland next Tuesday and Wednesday when the thirty-first annual meeting of the Oregon State Medical association will be held at Elks' hall. A delegation is expected from the Dominion Medical congress now in session at Vancouver, accompanying Drs. W. T. Williamson, S. E. Joseph, Kenneth A. J. Mackenzie and R. C. Coffey of this city, who have been attending the Vancouver convention.

The ruling of the supreme court of Washington that the poll tax law and road poll tax law were both unconstitutional for lack of uniformity, would probably be the same that the supreme court of this state would make if a test case were made. The poll tax laws of this state are valid until declared otherwise by the supreme court of this state, but a test case might result in their being declared otherwise.

The Portland Steel Shipbuilding company has filed articles of incorporation in the office of the county clerk. Albert Kelley, Alexander Ayde, George Rodgers and William Rodgers are the incorporators. The capital stock of the company is \$25,000. The plant of the company will be located at St. Johns and will be a general ship building establishment.

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GOVERNMENT EXHIBIT STATION FOR 1905 FAIR WILL SOON BE ERECTED—WILL BE AS LARGE AS FEDERAL PALACE AT ST. LOUIS.

Plans for the government building for the Lewis and Clark exposition are nearly completed, according to President H. W. Goode. Everything will be in readiness for advertising for bids within a few days. It is said that the construction work will begin by October 15 at the latest, in order to get the building completed by June 1.

It will be an immense structure, having a floor space of 125,000 square feet. It will be about the same size as the government building at St. Louis, its shape and style of architecture being different. Officials of the distinctive features of the building will be two immense electric towers, 250 feet high, one being situated at each end of the main building.

The outlook for a great exhibit from the Pacific slope is increasing daily. Unusual interest is being manifested among the different states and several of them have intimated that they are going to erect separate buildings. J. P. Marshall, special commissioner of the exposition, is now in the southwest. Last week he visited Tucson, Ariz., where he placed the proposition before the officials to erect a government building in Portland and to transfer their exhibit at St. Louis to this city. The proposition met with favor and there is every likelihood of Arizona erecting her own building. Mr. Marshall is now in El Paso, Tex., where he is interesting the people of that city in the fair.

HORSE GETS EVEN  
WITH AUTOMOBILE

After tearing loose from a buggy to which it had been harnessed, a runaway horse owned by Dr. A. S. Nichols ran down Main street at a Salvator clip this morning and into an automobile in which were Robert Veitum and Chris Dundee, employees of the White Automobile works, located at Second and Salmon streets. The collision occurred at Main and Fourth streets, and when Dundee was thrown out and severely cut on the forehead considerable excitement was aroused in the courthouse, a number of clerks and deputies rushing to the scene to render assistance.

The machine is owned by Edward Allison, and was being taken out for a trial after being repaired. The dashboard was crushed and the rear axle bent by the force which the runaway horse struck the automobile. It fell with its feet under the machine and Veitum and Dundee promptly sat on its head to keep it from doing further injury. Clerks and deputies from the courthouse soon reinforced the two boys. The automobile was dragged partly on the sidewalk and the horse allowed to regain its feet. Beyond receiving a number of bruises it was not injured. John Hunter, an employee of Dr. Nichols, arrived at this juncture and took the animal home.

Eye witnesses say that the auto was traveling slowly up Main street when the horse reached the corner. The street, paved with wooden blocks, had been sprinkled a few minutes previously and was slippery. The horse lost its footing just before striking the machine.

CLERK OLSEN WILL  
NOT LOSE PLACE

Fred Olson, clerk of the municipal court, is now sure of his position. City Attorney McNary has rendered an opinion, stating that Olson is not amenable to the civil service rules, removing the possibility of his dismissal by the executive board on the ground that he has not taken the civil service examination for the place.

At the last meeting of the executive board the question was raised, and Mr. Olson came near being dismissed and another man substituted because he had never taken the civil service examination for the position, whereas three others had passed it. The matter was postponed, however, without any definite action, and the city attorney requested to furnish an opinion.

GOVERNMENT MAY  
BUY BIG LOCKS

Representatives of the lumbering and transportation interests on the Willamette River are agitating a question of purchase by the United States government of the Oregon City locks and canal, a project which was brought forward some years ago but which was at that time abandoned by the government owing to the excessively high price asked by the owners. Conditions have since changed and there has been a large increase of traffic of all kinds. It is now thought the government would consider the proposition favorably if a fair price will be named by the owners of the property. A meeting of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce will be held next Tuesday morning at 11:30 o'clock, at which plans for bringing about the desired purchase will be discussed.

## CHIEFLY PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McLernon of Baker City, are registered at the Imperial.  
Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Meyers of La Grande, are at the Imperial.  
Pendleton people today at the Imperial are: N. Taltner and family, R. J. Slater and family, Charles H. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Millard of Sheridan, are guests at the Perkins.  
Mrs. Lottie Tomlinson of Woodburn, is registered at the Imperial.  
A party of Grass Valley people, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Heath, L. R. French and Miss L. Rhodes, are at the Perkins.  
J. A. Smith of Dayton, is at the Perkins.

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A FAMILY FIGHT FOLLOWED—  
CAUSING EXCITEMENT.

When Charley Simms, a teamster, of St. Johns, went home Wednesday night and found his wife gone to a dance he became indignant. Then he became angry and the more he thought of it the angrier he became until he was real mad.

He started over to the dance hall and accosted her on the way in front of a neighbor's house. He talked violently and she talked back, and the words ended in a fight. He slapped her and she scratched and pulled his hair and screamed.

She swore to a complaint charging him with assault and battery and he appeared before Justice Clark of St. Johns yesterday and pleaded guilty. He was fined \$10, the least penalty that could be imposed.

There was intense excitement in the suburb when the assault took place. There was talk of doing violence to the man who had struck his wife, but wiser counsel prevailed and the incipient mob was dispersed before injury was done. The trouble originated over the charge of Simms that his wife had become "daffy" over dancing. Indeed he insisted that during the past three weeks she had spent only two nights at home, Simms and his wife have separated because of the dance and the subsequent encounter. She vows that she wouldn't live with a man who objects to her dancing and he swears that she couldn't come back if she so desired.

After visiting in Spokane for several weeks, Assistant Passenger Agent A. D. Charlton of the Northern Pacific has returned to his duties as chief of the local office.

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