TOWN TOPICS

TONIGHT'S AMUSEMENTS.

Marquam Grand	"The Devil's Auction"
Columbia	"The New Dominion"
Grand	Vaudeville
Lyric	Vaudeville
Bijou	Vaudeville
Arcade	Vaudeville
Baker	Vaudeville
Star	Vaudeville

Rev. H. C. Shaffer, of the First United Brethren church, East Morrison street, is of the opinion that the count of the vote now in progress by the Oregon church will result in organic union with the Methodist Protestant church, and federation with the Congregationalists. He says church union is in the air, and cites for example a meeting to be held in New York in January to discuss plans for a union of all Evangelical churches, including the Episcopal church. The Oregon election by the United Brethren will select four delegates who will attend the general assembly of this church at Topeka next May to vote on federation.

The Arion society gave the first of its concerts for this season last night in Arion hall, under the direction of Louis Dammasch. The program was heard by a large audience, who manifested its approval by enthusiastic applause. There were about 50 voices in the chorus, which is the largest the society has ever brought together. The soloists were Alexander Wagner, 'cellist; William H. Boyer and Charles Cutter, vocalists. The accompanists were Mrs. Warren E. Thomas and Miss Pearl Scott.

Mount Tabor Woodmen of the World are having trouble securing a suitable location for their proposed temple. At a recent meeting one faction of the hall association desired to locate the temple at Prettyman's station on the Mount Tabor electric line; others thought the site of the old Oriental hall on West avenue a suitable location, while still others desired to purchase the Baptist church building and remodel it. A meeting will be held tonight at which the question will be decided.

Councilman Fred T. Merrill, proprietor of the Bijou theatre, has returned from Salem and Eugene. He announces that within a few weeks he will have dime vaudeville houses in operation in those towns. He purchased the Edison at Salem, and closed it in order to make repairs and enlarge its capacity; while at Eugene he bought a site and let a contract for a handsome brick building, which will have a seating capacity of about 800.

The weather bureau today assumes the work of looking after ocean meteorology; the hydrographic office has had charge of this branch of observations. At the same time the transfer of all United States wireless telegraph stations to the navy department will be brought about. Heretofore the experiments along this line have been conducted under the joint direction of the navy, army and weather bureau.

Accordinb to Rev. Wallace R. Struble, in a talk before the pupils of the South Mount Tabor school yesterday, 5,000 pupils of the Portland schools have become members of the anti-Cigarette league. He made an interesting address before the pupils who immediately fell into the plan of organizing a league in their school. Mr. Struble spoke to a large audience at the Sunnyside Methodist church last night.

Numerous remonstrances against incorporation as proposed by the Mount Tabor Improvement association are in circulation by residents of that suburb, who are opposed to the new plan on the ground that it will incur a bonded debt and a burden of taxation. Meantime, the charter committee is working to perfect that instrument, and will present it for consideration at the next meeting of the Improvement association.

The Home Training association, at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, at the Young Woman's Christian association on Sixth and Oak streets, will hear Dr. Edna Timms on "What to Do in Cases of Emergency." She will tell of the simple remedies always at hand. Mrs. Pelton Reid will advance a plea for gentle measures in the training of children. All women are invited to attend.

Last evening at the home of Mrs. A. A. Unruh, 880 East Yamhill street, Multnomah Prohibition alliance adopted a resolution in support of the crusade against the sale of liquor to children, and asking pastors of the churches of Portland to speak on the subject next Sunday. Speeches were made by L. D. Mahome, T. S. Daniels, F. L. Posson, F. O. Miller and others.

Portland's delegation to the annual convention of the American Association of Traveling Passenger Agents will leave this evening in a special car for the City of Mexico. When they return they will, with reasonable good luck, have in their pockets official announcement that the convention of 1905 is to be held in Portland.

A ride to The Dalles on the steamer Charles R. Spencer, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, returning on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, affords one of the most enjoyable trips in the world. The mountains, waterfalls, glens and canyons and beautiful landscapes are now to be seen at their very best. When coming to Portland change to the steamer at The Dalles and enjoy the ride down the river on the newest and fastest steamer that plies these waters. Dock foot of Washington street. Tel. Main 2960.

Marshall Cushing, secretary of the National Association of Manufacturers, and editor of American Industries, has written to the Portland Commercial club requesting a complete article on the Lewis and Clark exposition, for publication. American Industries is the leading manufacturers' journal of the United States, and goes to every country on the globe. The article desired for publication will be prepared by Secretary Henry E. Reed of the Lewis and Clark fair board. A similar request has been received from the Manufacturers' Record, published at Baltimore.

Edwin Hobson, the female impersonator, who went from Portland to assume a part in "The Filibuster," under the management of Rork and Kingsbury, in Boston, has made a distinct hit. He was virtually the star of the cast and has become a great social favorite among the American Bankers' association, before whom the first production of the opera was made.

In a circular received by the police yesterday, Ivan D. Lyons, of Juliaetta, Ida., is reported missing. He had $2,100 with him when he disappeared, November 17. At that time he wrote his wife from the Cottage hotel, Spokane, Wash. He took his money on that date and boarded a train for Edmonds, a small station between Seattle and Everett, Wash. The missing man is 62 years old.

Jefferson Myers, president of the state commission of the Lewis and Clark fair, has received a letter from a Methodist minister in Missouri who declares that he intends to move to Oregon with his family, including a number of sons, daughters and sons-in-law. He was attracted to Oregon, he said, by a pamphlet entitled "Horticulture in Oregon," sent him by Secretary of State Dunbar.

Recent changes in the regulations have made it necessary for the officers of the Oregon National Guard to devote much time to their study. The officers of the Third infantry are determined to keep up the high standard established last summer, and have a weekly officers' class at the armory.

Toy Kim, a Chinese widow, 55 years old, was found dead at 9 o'clock last night in her apartments at Second and Pine streets. Deputy Coroner Arthur L. Finley was notified and had the body removed to the morgue. Death is believed to be from natural causes. The funeral will take place tomorrow.

Sheriff T. M. Word is made the defendant in a mandamus suit brought in the circuit court by Sarah J. Henderson to compel him to issue a sheriff's deed to certain property sold under execution in 1895 by Sheriff Storey. The complaint alleges that Sheriff Word refuses to sign the deed.

Drilling for oil on the farm of S. J. Ogden, a short distance north of St. Johns, has been resumed. The well is 700 feet deep. Experts who have examined the indications are of the opinion that an abundance of oil will be found.

The Grants Pass Miners' association, Josephine county's representative body in the Oregon Development league, is arranging with the government good roads department for demonstration of good roads making to be held in the near future at Grants Pass.

MAINLY PERSONAL.

Fred W. Uhl of Burke, Idaho, is at the Perkins.

F. B. Waite is here from Roseburg and is registered at the Perkins.

Miss Bee Brownell of Umatilla is a guest at the Imperial.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Chandler of Lebanon are at the Perkins.

Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton is at the Imperial.

J. T. Bridges of the land office at Roseburg is a guest at the Imperial.

John S. Norvell of Helix is among the guests at the Perkins.

W. J. Marvin of Bialock is at the Perkins.

G. E. Bateman of Baker City is at the Imperial.

Thomas Julian of Grants Pass is a recent arrival at the Imperial.

J. W. Naughton of Cathlamet is at the Perkins.

J. W. Baker of Cottage Grove, state game warden, is visiting in Portland today.

EPIC ON OREGON'S EARLY HISTORY

Pioneer E. E. Eberhard Has Produced a Poetical Work of Great Length.

"Champoeg and Other Poems" is the name of a new book published by the Chicago Authors' and Writers' union for E. E. Eberhard, a Portland poet. The book is is distinctively western, the largest poem, "Champoeg," being an epic on the early history of Oregon. It is styled after Virgil's Aeneid, and sustains the heroic measure throughout.

E. E. Eberhard.

Mr. Eberhard is an enthusiastic student of the great Latin and Greek epics and has succeeded markedly in catching their note in English. He takes up the story with the wreck on this coast of the Spanish ship Aragon, whence the state is supposed to have derived its name, and carries it to the final triumph of the American cause at Champoeg in 1843. To the author, dreaming, Calipoia comes with unprinted manuscripts from the library in Seville, Spain, and, after the manner of Aeneas relating to Queen Dido his shipwrecked wanderings, tells the story of the first arrival of the survivors of the Aragon. All the subsequent figures of Oregon history receive their tribute after: Gray, Lewis, Clark, Sacajawea, Whitman, McLoughlin, Benton, Matthieu and others.

Mr. Eberhard is 53 years old and an Oregon pioneer who came here with his parents at the age of 2. At 15 he attended school in Butteville, a neighboring town, where he was taught by S. W. King of Portland. When 20 he taught school in St. Paul, Marion county, and there placed himself under the tutorship of Rev. Father Delorme, a prime of the house of Bourbon, and the first priest consecrated in Oregon, who had rummaged the manuscripts of the Seville library.

In 1847 Eberhard became an instructor in St. Michael's college in Portland, and was associated with A. J. Glorieux, now bishop of Idaho, and continued his private studies. In 1875 he put out a private edition of juvenile pieces, entitled "Echoes of Evening," which are included in his later work.

FREIGHT AGENTS HEADED THIS WAY

The Northern Pacific railway is arranging a tour of the Pacific northwest for its freight agents, similar to the trip given its passenger men a few weeks ago. The party left for St. Paul yesterday and will go to Duluth, thence to the coast, stopping en route at Helena, Mont., Dec. 2 and arriving at Seattle on the 4th. From there they will go to different points on Puget sound, and thence to Portland. The exact date on which they will reach here is not yet known, as their movements after reaching Seattle are not definitely determined. The party consists of Henry Blakeley, assistant general freight agent, St. Paul; C. F. Seeger, general agent freight department, New York; F. W. Clemson, New England freight agent, Boston; John S. Donal Jr., general agent freight department, Philadelphia; F. H. Fogarty, general agent freight department, Chicago; A. H. Caffee, commercial agent, Cincinnati; E. E. Delaney, traveling freight agent, Buffalo; W. W. Scully, commercial agent, Pittsburg; C. B. Sexton, commercial agent, St. Louis; C. T. Noonan, soliciting freight agent, Milwaukee; T. E. Blanche, general agent, Duluth; H. K. Cole, soliciting freight agent, St. Paul; W. M. Burk, contracting freight agent, St. Paul; W. E. Belcher, contracting freight agent, Toronto. S. G. Fulton, A. T. F. A. at Portland, will meet them at Spokane and accompany them from there to the coast.

BROOKS GETS IN WAY OF A HEAVY STREAM

In saving himself a fall from a scaffolding away up under the roof of the states building at the exposition grounds, James Brooks, a painter, caused a deluge from the fair ground waterworks.

Having doubts about his ability to work on the scaffolding without tipping it over, he had suspended an emergency rope from the top of the standpipe on the building, where he tied the line to a spoke in the wheel by which the water is controlled. While busily wielding the paint brush, the accident he feared happened—and something more. As he felt the scaffold turning over he grabbed the emergency line and threw his weight on it. The rope pulled the wheel around and turned the water on from the standpipe.

Brooks was directly in the line of the flood, and it poured over him, thoroughly drenching his clothing, but he held on to the rope and regained his position on the scaffold.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS HUNGRY AND HOMELESS

Two widows, sisters-in-law, one with three small children, and the other with two, appeared before the county court this morning and told a most pitiable tale of privations endured in an effort to go from Kalispell, Mont., to Salem, where they say they have friends. The county court believed their cause a legitimate one, and purchased them tickets from Portland to Salem.

They are Mrs. Millie Hawthorne and Mrs. Maud Busch, and left Kalispell some weeks ago with barely enough money to pay their way to Salem. Hard times in Kalispell was the cause of their leaving, as they could not earn a living by working. When they reached The Dalles, Mrs. Busch was taken sick. The people sent them on to Portland.

Music at Eilers.

Special informal recital today at the Eilers Piano House fine piano exhibit. Pianola, Aeolian Pipe Organ and Orchestrelle. Daily from 3 to 4; not Sundays.

ATTRACTING WIDESPREAD INTEREST

Seventh Annual Exhibition of Fine Pianos at the Eilers House.

A Wonderful Collection of Choice and Costly Makes Indicative of Western Culture—The Progress of Piano Building—Description of Several New Styles.

The seventh annual exhibition of fine pianos at Eilers Piano House is proving a revelation to music and art lovers.

The magnitude of the undertaking this year can only be fully appreciated by a visit to the store.

The entire establishment is a complete and splendid art exhibit, embracing a display of the richest toned and most famous pianos known to the modern musical world.

There is an elaborate and extensive showing of such peerless pianos as the Chickering, whose tone possesses that subtle quality which identifies it as THE CHICKERING, just as a flower is identified by its perfume, and which evades all imitation.

In the present display of Chickerings are included some very exceptional art cased uprights, concert and parlor grands, and that gem of piano construction, the Chickering quarter grand, a piano which embodies a remarkably graceful case, volume and strength, as well as all the beauty of the Chickering tone, and yet is so small and compactly built that it occupies but little more space than an ordinary upright piano. So popular has the Chickering Quarter Grand become as a wedding present that it is known throughout the land as the "Bride's Piano."

A new style Chickering upright, an advance sample of 1905 style, is receiving much praise not only on account of its tone quality and ease of action, but also for the elegance and symmetry of case design along novel lines.

The display also includes the piano honored alike by church, state and stage—the Weber. His Holiness, Pope Pius X, has selected it as the official piano of all the apostolic palaces, as well as for his own personal use. This in itself is a great honor, as His Holiness is no less distinguished as a musician than as a scholar. Its manufacturers have also recently been appointed official pianomakers to the court of His Majesty, the King of Spain.

And by practically all the leading musicians of the world, singers and pianists, the Weber is the preferred instrument, its beautiful singing tone being of a quality which appeals especially to the artist's ear.

Special mention should be made here of numerous most elegant Weber styles in design adapted from the French and also from the German schools. In tone quality these Webers are superb, possessing a wonderful refined sweetness, delicacy and purity, combined with a resonance and singing quality that has always characterized the instruments of Weber make.

Kimball pianos have a no less conspicuous place in this display. These are the pianos that come from the factory where everything is done right. They are worthily made, handsome and possess every tone requirement.

Kimball pianos are found in cultured homes throughout the world, and in this western country they enjoy a popularity that is simply phenomenal.

In Kimball pianos some new and attractive designs of the Colonial school are coming in for much praise. There is also a new style large upright in five-panel effect that is very striking and also original. In connection with this it may be stated that the last order just received from the Seattle School Board for Kimball pianos places thirteen Kimball uprights and one Kimball grand (the latter in the high school) before every child of school age in the city on the Sound.

Other great makes, such as the Hazelton, the Lester, the Hobart M. Cable, the many-toned Crown, the Story & Clark, the Hallet & Davis, etc., etc., are included in the exhibit.

Every school of classic art is superbly represented—Renaissance, Colonial, Chippendale, new and chaste designs, the choicest woods in a great profusion of varieties.

A group in which much interest centers is the Aeolian instruments, the entire line of Pianolas, Metrostyle Orchestrelles, including the Aeolian pipe organ. The newest and probably the most important of these instruments is the Pianola Piano. It is pronounced the most complete piano made, combining as it does facilities for playing perfectly either with the hands or through the mediumship of the Pianola, which is built into space hitherto not used inside the piano case. All Pianola Pianos are equipped with the Metrostyle.

In this season's display is offered an opportunity to study the world's greatest efforts in piano production and piano case architecture. None of the pianos in this display will be delivered on sale before Saturday, December 10. The public is cordially invited to our store during this display. Eilers Piano House, 351 Washington street, Corner Park.

WASHINGTON CADETS MAY MEET HERE IN JUNE

Arrangements are being made to hold the next encampment of the cadets of the Agricultural college of Washington in this city next June. They hold an encampment annually and it is hoped that arrangements can be completed to hold the encampment in this city at the opening of the Lewis and Clark fair.

The cadets consist of a battalion of four companies in charge of Capt. Edward Kimmel, captain of artillery, United States army. It includes a band of 30 members. The entire aggregation amounts to something over 300 men. They are supplied with their camping outfit.

PROGRAM AT SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The program at the Seamen's institute this evening will include the following numbers: Solo, Miss Mary Donaldson; solo, Miss C. Cocking; solo, Mrs. Whigham; quartet, Miss Sarah Stringer, Miss Edith Abst, Mrs. Labor, A. G. Ott; reading, Mrs. Martin Kerns; reading, Miss Marie Keller; violin and piano duet, Roy Lancaster and Miss Louise Ott; piano solo, Miss Lillie Stratham.

Y. M. C. A. Star Course.

Edmund Vance Cooke tonight. Poet and impersonator. "Mr. Cooke shows marked ability. He recites selections from his own writings only. Encore after encore was demanded of him. His character sketches were cleverly portrayed and marked by a breezy originality which places his work far above the usual cut and dried impersonations." —Syracuse Standard. Reserved seats, 50 cents.

An Unusual Guarantee.

It is customary that a guarantee is given with every piano as to its durability and workmanship; besides this I am willing to guarantee that I sell each piano at the lowest price the same instrument can be bought anywhere in this country, not excepting the place of its manufacture. This means $25—the amount of freight—less than in the east. What more do you want? August W. Meyer, 74 Sixth street.

MANY CAUGHT IN GRAND JURY NET

True Bills Are Returned, Followed by Bench Warrants for Numerous Offenders.

W. E. APPLEGATE INDICTED FOR OPENING POOLROOM

Additional Gambling Cases Being Considered, and More Indictments Expected Soon.

Bench warrants were issued this morning on indictments returned by the grand jury for the arrest of W. E. Applegate, M. A. Ward, Essie Watkins, J. T. Thompson and Charles Wade. Deputy District Attorney Mosier applied to the court for the warrants.

All the above, with the exception of Applegate and Thompson, were arrested and taken to the county jail this afternoon by Sheriff Word.

W. E. Applegate, Essie Watkins and Charles Wade were indicted yesterday afternoon, the true bills having been reported to Judge George about 5 o'clock. Applegate, proprietor of the Warwick Turf Exchange, is accused of the same crime for which M. G. Nease was indicted some time ago, that of operating a pool room against the peace and dignity of the city, and of enticing lewed and dissolute persons into his house for the purpose of betting on horse races.

Essie Watkins had trouble with the city authorities some time ago over the operation of slot machines in her house. She is indicted for conducting a disorderly house. Charles Wade was indicted for passing a forged check on N. Segil, a clothing merchant of this city. J. T. Thompson, supposed to be in California, has been indicted for stealing about $2,500 worth of diamond rings and other personal property belonging to "Billy" Winters. Thompson was working as bartender for Winters and left the city before he could be apprehended.

M. A. Ward, a married man, is charged with a statutory crime, and his wife, Carrie, produced the evidence against him.

No bench warrants have yet been issued for A. H. Breyman and John Summerville, who were indicted as owners and proprietors of the Paris house, which they are accused of having leased for immoral purposes. The indictments against them were returned two days ago. They are wealthy property owners, and it is not considered likely that they would attempt to get out of the state before the warrants could be served.

The grand jury is investigating some additional gambling cases and the Tanner creek sewer scandal.

IMPARTIAL MEN TO INVESTIGATE WORK

Some time this afternoon the council's investigating committee appointed to probe the Morrison-street bridge, Marquam gulch bridge and the Balch gulch bridge work will probably choose its board of experts who are to prosecute the work. Chairman Rumelin said that the names of the gentlemen who will likely be selected could not be given out prior to announcement.

An effort is made to secure intelligent engineers, who will not be influenced by bias against the contractors doing the work nor by undue friendliness for the office of the city engineer. It is quite natural that local talent should be chosen, as the committee believes in patronizing home industry, but in naming civil engineers of this city the purpose is avowed of getting those who will be absolutely impartial.

SOLD MORE WHISKY TO UMATILLA INDIANS

Charles Bellinger, 17 years old, with Indian blood in his veins, reached the city last night in custody of Deputy United States Marshal Proebstel. He was arrested several days ago at Pendleton on a charge of having sold whisky to Indians on the Umatilla reservation, and was taken before a United States commissioner. He pleaded guilty.

Bellinger appeared in the federal court in this city two months ago for a like offense, and Judge Bellinger released him on his own recognizance.

The boy offers as an excuse for his repeated offenses that the Indians beg him to secure liquor, and he is unable to refuse their pleadings.

The Elgin Commercial club is the latest recruit to the Oregon Development league. Elgin is the metropolis of Union county.