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AT THE THEATRES.

"The Charity Ball" at the Columbia.

Belasce and De Mille never wrote a better play than "The Charity Bail," and the production of this beautiful play by the Columbia stock company is unquestionably the best that has ever been seen in Portland. The immense attendance at the Columbia at the Bunday opening, the Christmas Boliday performances and last evening, show that the pulic is alive to really splendid offerings, in the line of entertainment. The principals of the company, including Mr. Baume, Mr. Dils, Mr. Bernard, Mr. Bowles, Mr. Bloomquest, Miss Countiss, Miss Douglas, Miss Allen, Miss Brandt, and in fact the entire company have parts to which they are exactly suited. It runs all the week, including the Saturday matines. "The Charity Ball" at the Colur

Marquam's New Year.

Williams and Walker in their new

Williams and Walker in their new musical colored comedy, "In Dahomey," will be the star attraction at the Marquam Grand theatre next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, with a special price matines Wednesday.

Everything "In Dahomey," except the favorites and topliners, will be new for this the first American tour since their return. All of the fifty or more colored artists of the supporting company have been selected for their sterling merit. The production is beautifully staged, seenery and costumes appropriate. The advance sale of seats will open next Friday morning. December 20, at 10 o'clock.

man" and consequently more appropriate to the merry-making of the holiday season. "The Star of Bethlehem" attracts not as a literary curiosity, but as a strong moving story of the nativity, told reverently and simply yet with all the picturesqueness of the orient. The play will call forth the full strength of the Hen Greet company, some of the members of which do not appear in "Everyman." Mr. Greet will play the broadly humorous role of Mak, the sheep thief. Constance Crawley, who played Everyman, will appear as the Angel Gabriel.

as he always does. The vitascope shows new pictures. The lucky party must be in the house to receive the automobile on Thursday night. Don't forget that Priday night \$15 in gold is given away.

Will Remain Another Week.

Everyone will be pleased to know that Miss Dalsy Harcourt, famous English soubrette, who made a great hit at the Star theatre last week, will appear at this playhouse for another week. Another notable act is that of Montgomery, Cantor & Co., a hoy and two men, great

Last of "Her Own Why."

The curtain rises promptly at 8:15 this evening on the last performance of beautiful Maxine Elliott in "Her Own Way" at the Marquam Grand. Patrons are assused that during the entire season a more thoroughly pleasing attraction has not visited Portland.

"Yon Yonson's" Last Night.

"Yon Yonson" will be seen tonight for the last time at the Empire theatre, closing an engagement of unusual suc-cess. Crowded houses for this favorite old comedy-drama has been the rule, but at this time, with so much opposi-tion in Portland, the old-time standard still prevails.

"For Mother's Sake" Tomorrow.

The well known pastoral idyl, "For Mother's Sake," with Marie Heath and an excellent supporting company, will be the attraction at the Empire the-atre the remainder of this week start-ing tomorrow night, also at the mati-nee Saturday.

"The Show Girl" Coming.

B. C. Whitney's production of the musical tomfoolery. "The Show Girl," which will be seen here at the Empire theatre all next week beginning with the matines Sunday, is described as one of the joiliest, cleanest and most refined musical comedies on the road.

Dervish Dance at the Grand. Such crowds never sought admission to a theatre in this city as streamed

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into the Grand theatre last night to see the whirlwinds of the Arabian descrit. Hadil Cheriff, the old Bedouin, who does the dervish dance, competed at the world's fair against 2,000 of his nation and, after dancing for two hours and 37 minutes, won the \$500 gold medal and \$1,500 in cash, and Hadji Tahar, the gun spinner, won over all-his rivals in the world. It must not be supposed that this is the puly great attraction, for Kenton & Lorraine give a musical act that is without an equal, and the Four Roberts in "The Doll Maker's Dilemma" offer as pretty a little comedy drama as could possibly be desired. J. O. Wise, the double-handed cartoonist, gives a fine talk and draws funny cartoons. All the other numbers on the bill are fine.

Baker's Good Bill.

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The Christmas week bill at the Baker is above the average. Easily the star attraction is the novelty musical team, Bimm. Bomm, Burr, who are clever musicians and introduce some clever novelties in electrical effects. They are worth seeing. John Wood sings very acceptably the "Letter Edged in Black." The Krober brothers do a trick ladder act that pleases. Edith Clark, the auburn-haired soubrette sings, dresses and scat sweetly. The Mauning trio are good German comedians who sing well. Hawley and Vans do a clever sketch and introduce some new jokes and songs that take with the audience. The Oxford duo are clever club jugglers, who do new things with the clubs. The bilt merits a big attendance all week.

"The Star of Bethlehem."

The sale of seats for "The Star of Bethlehem."

The sale of seats for "The Star of Bethlehem," the Christmas play, which Ben Greet will offer at the Marquam Grand next Friday and Saturday afternoons and evenings, four performances in all, began this morning. Great interest is being shown in these performances. As it is not as solemn as "Everyman" and consequently more appropriate to the merry-making of the holiday sea
The three-round go between Barry and Greggins at the Lyric is a drawing card. It is a strictly scientific contest, is conducted on merit alone and the boys are loudly applauded. Ida Russell is a lightning change artist. Boby Athon cleverly talks and sings himself into the good graces of his heavers. Harrison brothers, the eccentric comedians, who have been here, are seen to advantage in a new act. Thomas Ray sings "From Day to Day and pleases, man" and consequently more appropriate to the merry-making of the holiday sea-The three-round go between Barry and

Cantor & Co., a hoy and two men, great planist, dancers and funmakers. "My Rose From Tennesses" is the title of the illustrated ballad sung by Arthur Lane, while the two Delkes, sketch artists, do an interesting and amusing Bowery dance.

Arcade's Program Good.

"The Last Word" to Follow.

"The Last Word." Augustin Daly's greatest comedy, is in preparation for the bill of the Columbia to follow "The Charity Ball." Ada Rehan and John Drew made one of their greatest hits in this play on Broadway, New York. It will have a fine production at the Columbia.

"Yon Yonson's" Last Night.

Arcade's Program Good.

The Kellys are a startling Irish team at the Arcade theatre this week. The man impersonates an Irish father, while Bessie Kelly has an excellent soprano voice and sings some very good selections. A violinist of great note is Llois Mendenhall. The rest of the Arcade program is exceptionally good, including Sylvan and O'Nell, sketch artists, Waldron Brothers, comedy singers, and the illustrated songstress, Genevieve Ardell.

Who Is Burdick?

Burdick, the mystery man of the gold fish, the colored paper, the other tricks, is only one of the Bijou's great sets. Welch and Maitland, the "two red ravens," acrobats: May and Miles, the travesty specialists; Jimmie Graham, the peer of black face jokers, and the exceptionally laughable Bijougraph pictures, "The Trials and Troubles of an Automobilist," are all at the top notch.

TO THE ROCKPILE WITH THESE TOUGHS

Trouble is brewing for "Jumbo" Riley, the "bouncer" and Tom Fallon, night barkeeper at Fritz saloon. The only thing that prevents their arrest, it is said is the failure to locate a necessary

thing that prevents their arrrest. It is said, is the failure to locate a necessary witness.

In Erickson's concert hall a few days ago, it is reported, they tried to get a stranger to shake dice with them. Knowing their character, the bartender refused to permit a dice game. On the stranger refusing to go to another place to shake dice, Riley and Fallon knocked him down and brutally beat him.

It is necessary that this man be found in order to prosecute Riley and Fallon. The former, especially, has an unenviable record as a saloon brawler; a short time ago he andeavored to pummel Prank Hayes, the plano player at Frits, a man half his size.

For some time Rilez and Fallon, while working for Fritz, have been noting as "atcerers" for stud boker games in a saloon on Third street, near Couch. This has caused them to frequent saloons and concert halls, looking for victims, and a number of completints have been made of their buildozing lactics.



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By order of the Council,
THOS. C. DEVLIN.
Auditor of the City of Portland.
Portland, Oregon. Date of first publication Dec. 24, 1904.

POUNDMASTER'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of December, 1904. I took up and empounded at the City Found, at No. 261 Sixteenth street, in the City Found, at No. 261 Sixteenth street, in the City of Fortland, Oregon, the following described animal:

One bay horse shod all around and white on left hind foot; and unless the owner, or other person or persons having an interest therein, shall claim possession of the same, and pay all costs and charges of the keeping and silvertising same, together with the pound fees on said animal, as provided by ordinance No. 5.925, as amended, of said City of Portland, I will on the 27th day of December, 1904, at the hour of 10 s. m., at the City Pound, at No. 251 Sixteenth, in said city, sell the above described animal at public suction to the highest hidder, to pay the cours and charges for taking up, keeping and advertising such animal.

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