

TOWN TOPICS
TODAY'S AMUSEMENTS
Empire Theatre
Columbia Theatre
Star Theatre

Competition in the ice business, which ceased in Portland by a combination of the present dealers, is to be renewed next spring when the Independent Ice & Cold Storage company will enter the field and reduce prices one half.

Dr. E. P. Hill presided at the dinner last night at the Men's Resort, Fourth and Burnside streets. Two hundred and fifty men were at the Christmas dinner that was prepared by a committee of women from the different Presbyterian churches.

A suit has been filed in the circuit court for Wasco county by John F. Hillstrom against Owen Davis demanding \$10,000 damages for the alleged ruin he wrought to Hillstrom's daughter.

S. B. Ferree, engineer on the Southern Pacific, yesterday filed a suit against his former wife, Ida May Ferree, to recover \$10,000 damages for the alleged wrong she committed by signing a \$150 note in his favor prior to their divorce.

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Rose and Cucumber Jelly (Curosa Cream) heals all parts exposed to the chilly winds of outdoors. It gives the skin that soft, velvety feeling so much desired by ladies.

At their last meeting the members of Ben Butler Post No. 57, G. A. R., decided that its charter be renewed and renewed, and elected: Post commander, T. H. Neuse; senior post commander, J. G. Heustis; junior vice-commander, T. G. Wilson; officer of the day, M. Wickline; quartermaster, H. F. Yates; chaplain, F. A. Coleman.

Professor Estop's dancing school, Classes Monday and Thursday evenings at Arion hall, beginning taken at any time. Six assistants, teachers. Private lessons daily at hall. Spectators invited. Phone West 2048.

Wright's Paragon Headache Cure relieves from suffering instantly, and checks long confirmed tendencies to headache. Down goes the cure, away goes the headache, up go your spirits. Every drugist.

We must sell every second-hand Remington, Smith Premier and Denmore typewriter in the house within the next 10 days. Here is a chance to get a machine for almost nothing.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Morden and Deputy Grussi raided an opium joint at 185 Second street, between Yamhill and Taylor, yesterday afternoon, arresting

Wednesday Evening January 4, 1905 Eight-Thirty o'Clock ARMY HALL Teah and Couch streets. PADELEWSKI The world's greatest pianist. Direction Calvin Heilig.

Prices—Lower \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00, \$9.00, \$10.00, \$11.00, \$12.00, \$13.00, \$14.00, \$15.00, \$16.00, \$17.00, \$18.00, \$19.00, \$20.00, \$21.00, \$22.00, \$23.00, \$24.00, \$25.00, \$26.00, \$27.00, \$28.00, \$29.00, \$30.00, \$31.00, \$32.00, \$33.00, \$34.00, \$35.00, \$36.00, \$37.00, \$38.00, \$39.00, \$40.00, \$41.00, \$42.00, \$43.00, \$44.00, \$45.00, \$46.00, \$47.00, \$48.00, \$49.00, \$50.00, \$51.00, \$52.00, \$53.00, \$54.00, \$55.00, \$56.00, \$57.00, \$58.00, \$59.00, \$60.00, \$61.00, \$62.00, \$63.00, \$64.00, \$65.00, \$66.00, \$67.00, \$68.00, \$69.00, \$70.00, \$71.00, \$72.00, \$73.00, \$74.00, \$75.00, \$76.00, \$77.00, \$78.00, \$79.00, \$80.00, \$81.00, \$82.00, \$83.00, \$84.00, \$85.00, \$86.00, \$87.00, \$88.00, \$89.00, \$90.00, \$91.00, \$92.00, \$93.00, \$94.00, \$95.00, \$96.00, \$97.00, \$98.00, \$99.00, \$100.00.

Jim Murphy, a white man, who gave his name as Tom Wilson, and who was a Chinaman, they said his name was Al Look. They will be taken before Justice Field.

Strenuous pursuits in men and arduous social duties in women cause much nervous debility. C. C. Knight is all the corrective. For sale at Knight's 207 Washington.

The elegant new steamer Northland, leaving every detail, leaves Sunday noon for San Francisco. Cabin, \$12; steerage, \$8. Thompson ticket office, 128 Third street.

Woodward's Dancing Academy, Burkhard's hall, Mon. and Thur. 10 o'clock. 55. Thurs. party night. Spectators invited.

I. D. Boyer, the popular gentlemen's and ladies' tailor, removed to room 207 Fenton bldg. New, first-class cutter.

Classical string and orchestra music during the holidays at Richards, corner Park and Alder.

George H. Baker of Goldendale, Wash., is at the Imperial. George I. Bloom of Hood River is visiting Portland.

M. E. Woodcock, the banker of Corvallis, is at the Perkins for a brief stay.

Comegys is here from Salem. R. L. Ford is in from Astoria on business. Frank Davenport of Hood River is a guest at the Perkins.

W. D. Tull, C. Tull & Gibbs, is here from Spokane. Manager D. L. Huntington, of the Washington Water Power company, is here from Spokane.

C. H. Hilbert, a San Francisco wholesale dealer, is at the Portland. George W. Banborn and his family are at the Portland from Astoria.

Owing to his mother's demise, Mr. Frank A. Spencer, manager of Allen & Lewis, has been called to San Francisco for a few days.

W. F. Knox, a prominent lumber dealer of Sacramento, Cal., is registered at the Hotel Portland.

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DEPUTIES SHOCKED IN COURT OFFICES

Vagrant Electricity, Wandering From Its Wire, Makes Handing Records Dangerous.

NO ONE CAN TELL WHERE CURRENT COMES FROM

Employees of Clerk Fields Taking Free Treatment for Nervous Diseases.

Claude Smith, office boy of County Clerk Fields, while going after papers in the record vault, this morning received a shock of electricity that almost threw him to the floor.

It has been impossible to discover where the connection is made. The electric lights were turned off, but the current was not lessened in strength, and it appears probable that until the cause has been ascertained, working with Multnomah county records will prove a rather unpleasant task.

Careful investigation will be made and the connection discovered. Probably it is caused by the covering of some electric wire running through the vault, having become worn, leaving the wire to come into contact with the metal and charging the room with electricity.

FINE PROGRAM FOR ALEXANDER CONCERT

Seats are selling well for the farewell concert, which will take place tonight at 8:15 o'clock at the White Temple, Twelfth and Taylor streets, to mark the departure for Paris, early in January, of Arthur Alexander, tenor.

Tickets can be had up to 5 p. m. at Walter Reed's store, Oregonian building, and tonight at the door of the White Temple. There will be no reserved seats, and those who are there when the doors are opened will get the best.

The Alexander quartet, consisting of Mrs. Rose Bloch-Bauer, Mrs. Walter Reed, A. L. Alexander and Donagomy, L. P. Page, L. P. Bruce, P. I. Packard, John Gill, Dr. W. A. Cumming, Dr. George Ainelle, James White and Leon M. Jones, Mr. Alexander's accompanist, will be on hand.

GAME LAWS SHOULD BE MORE STRINGENT

J. W. Baker of Forest Grove, state game warden, thinks the present law permitting a single hunter to kill 50 ducks in a day, is "a shame and disgrace upon the statutes of our state."

He says 50 ducks are enough for any man, and he recommends some sweeping changes of the Oregon game laws in his annual report to Governor Chamberlain.

He says the trout limit should be increased from 125 to 200, that salmon trout should be further protected by fishing them only in October and November, with hook and line exclusively.

Chinese peasants have grown so scarce in the West, that the state says that the use of dogs should be barred for three years, excepting a 15-day hunting season. He favors a bounty for scalps of cougar, wildcat and timber wolf, and the protecting of timber.

He says that by such a law last year, Washington collected \$14,982, Idaho, \$12,370; Wisconsin, \$78,164; Michigan, \$14,236; Illinois, \$95,000; the Dakotas, \$8,690; Nebraska, \$2,744; Colorado, \$15,184.

THE IOWA JEWELER NEW YEAR REMEMBRANCES

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An Unexpected Xmas Check and How It Was Expended.

Investment is Certain to Furnish an Unlimited Amount of Pleasure to a Large Circle of People.

On Monday last, although our store was practically closed, a lady called early in the day and requested that she be permitted to select a Pianola.

The instrument is a handsome Metrostyle Pianola, was delivered to her home, No. 315 East Sixth street, on Tuesday.

One of these instruments in the home is an unfailing source of enjoyment to every member of the family. Any one can operate it, and it can at any time furnish exactly the kind of music desired.

The artistic character of the entire class of Aeolian instruments is recognized by people of culture, the world over. Aeolian instruments are those manufactured by the Aeolian Company of New York, the largest institution in the world for the manufacture of pianos.

Padewski, who appears in Portland as himself, a most skilled and famous musician, heartily indorses the Pianola, and takes great interest in marking music rolls with his own interpretation of different compositions. This also has been done by the great composer, Richard Strauss, and the talented German musician, Dr. Joachim, the greatest of all present-day violinists; Otto Lohse, Madam Sombich, Madam Nordica and scores of others, too many to list, to devote space to printing names.

The entire line of Aeolian instruments is sold by Eilers Piano House, 211 Washington street, corner Park. Price of Metrostyle Pianola, \$250 and \$200. Aeolian Pianos, \$500 to \$1,000. Aeolian Orchestras, \$600 up. Moderate terms of payment arranged if desired.

supplied with lumber at the North Pacific mill, while the Russ will be supplied with a similar cargo at Baker, Oregon. The Arabah moved this morning from the Montgomery to the Alaska dock, where she will complete discharging her cargo.

British ship Glasgow completed her cargo this morning for the United Kingdom. Glavin & Eyre are the exporters.

Public Speaking. Mr. William Greenleaf, whose experience as a public speaker and instructor well qualifies him for work as a teacher, will have charge of the class in public speaking at the Young Men's Christian Association night school during the winter months, beginning January 2.

Preferred Stock Canned Goods. Allen & Lewis' Best Brand.

Columbia Theatre. A. H. BALLARD, Lessee and Manager. Phone Main 311. Downtown box office, Main 110.

The Charity Ball. Regular matinee Saturday, December 31. Evening prices, 10c, 25c, 50c, 75c. Matinee prices, 10c, 15c, 25c.

MARQUAN GRAND W. F. Paragon, Box 88. Friday afternoon and night, Saturday afternoon and night, Dec. 31, 1904.

EMPIRE THEATRE. Seats can be ordered by Phone Main 117. The "Toll" is open to the popular show.

MARIE HEATH. In the pastoral idyl.

"For Mother's Sake" Excellent Company. Special New Scenario.

DRABVE CAPSIZES, FIVE MEN ARE THROWN INTO THE RIVER AND ONE LOST HIS LIFE

Remarkable Accident on the Waterfront Dock, Which Has Fatal Result.

CRAFT LOADED WITH COAL SUDDENLY OVERTURNS

By the capsizing of the barge Monarch at Montgomery dock No. 1, late yesterday afternoon, an unknown man lost his life and four others had narrow escapes from drowning.

The barge was loaded with coal for the oriental liner Arabia, lying at the same dock. Without warning she turned turtle, precipitating the men and a cargo of almost 500 tons of coal into the river.

Officers of the Arabia immediately threw life-preservers and lines to those struggling in the water, and a lifeboat was lowered. Carlson managed to swim ashore without assistance.

The unfortunate man was engaged to assist in the unloading of the coal only a few hours previous to his death. It is supposed he was a recent arrival in the city. He was about 30 years of age, and looked as though he had been used to hard labor.

There is a difference of opinion as to what caused the barge to capsize. Some say that she was in a badly leaking condition and unseaworthy, and one of the men was kept busy working the pumps to keep it clear.

D. C. O'Reilly, general manager for the Oregon Round Lumber company, to whom the barge belongs, says: "The barge was in good condition, and two years later was given a thorough overhauling. It should have been, and I believe was, in good condition. It is true that it leaked to a certain extent, but not sufficiently to cause any danger. It was fastened to the steamer by means of lines, and it is possible that these became fast and threw the barge overboard. More than one witness, however, investigated the matter thoroughly."

Representatives of the Portland & Astoria Steamship company believe the barge was unfit for service. They claim that it was a shipping water freight, which settled on one side of the craft, and when a river steamer went by the waves caused the barge to turn turtle.

Workmen Have Narrow Escape from Drowning on Sinking Pontoon. Nearly a dozen workmen had a narrow escape from drowning as the American schooner Andy Mahony was lifted on a couple of the pontoons of the drydock.

The vessel had been almost raised when the men began to scrub the hull of the schooner. Something went wrong with the drydock machinery and the pontoons began to sink. The men remained at their task, believing that the machinery would soon be in working order.

CAPTAIN M'LEOD IS OUT. Commander of Ellerie Recovered From Smallpox. Captain McLeod, until recently master of the British steamship Ellerie, arrived this morning from Astoria.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT. Nearly all the alterations which were planned to be made to the gasoline schooner Chetco have been completed, but she will not go on her initial trip to Rogue river until Monday.

United States engineers report that the relief work at Canon in California has been completed. It was built for the purpose of preventing the widening of the channel in that locality, and is 900 yards in length.

George D. Gray, president of the California & Oregon Coast Steamship company, who arrived yesterday from San Francisco, left this morning for Seattle.

Steamer Sarah Dixon was launched yesterday afternoon from the ways of the Portland shipyard, and on Monday will resume her run between Portland and Clatskanie.

Schooners Virginia and Joseph Russ arrived last night, both coming from San Francisco. The Virginia will be

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REGISTER NOW FOR A COURSE IN THE Young Men's Christian Association Night School. Fourth and Yamhill Streets. Winter Terms Begins Monday, January 2, 1905. Classes in: Commercial and English Branches, Mathematics, Electricity, Plumbing, Drawing, Window Card Writing, Public Speaking, etc. WORKING BOYS' NIGHT SCHOOL.

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The Portland American Plan \$3 Per Day and Upward. HEADQUARTERS FOR TOURISTS AND COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS. Special rates made to families and single gentlemen. A modern Turkish bath establishment in the hotel. H. C. BOWERS, Manager.

The Grand Theatre ENHANCED EXTRAORDINARY SHAK-HADJI-TAHR'S ARABS. WHIRLWINDS OF THE DESERT. THE FOUR ROBERTS. In the "Bell-Maker's" Edition. KETOW AND LOREANE. America's Foremost Musicians. KYVIA AND ARLOFF. In "A Burglar's Surprise." J. G. WILE. "Ambitious" Comedian. OUCHING AND MERLEY. In the "Bugs" Opera. MR. ALY BOWEN'S NEW SONG. "When the Boss Are in the Mine." THE LATEST PASTORAL FILM, "Life of a Race Horse and Others." Admission to any seat 10c; box seats \$5.

JOURNAL COUPON No. 28—COUPON—No. 28 Star Theatre FRIDAY MATINEE, DECEMBER 30, 1904. This coupon and 2c entitles holder to one admission when presented at box office.

Bijou Theatre 8th St., Opp. Oregonian. PROGRAM FOR WEEK OF DEC. 29. WELCH & MAILLARD. MAY & KELLER. JAMES GRAHAM. BURDICK. NOVELTY MADRIGAL. NORMAN HARGREAVES. PEARL GRAYSON. BIOGRAPHY—A Chinaman's Account. "The Trials and Tribulations of an Automobileist." Afternoon from 2 to 4:30, evenings from 7 to 10:30, Sunday continuous from 2 to 10:30. Admission 10 cents.

BAKER THEATRE Third and Yamhill sts. Keating & Flood, Mgrs. Largest Vandeville House in America. THE WASHINGTON TRIO. GEORGE BOO. NIMB, BONE BERR. J. J. KENNEDY. THE WILSON. EDITH CLARK. HOLEWOOD TRIO. THE SIOGRAPH. Admission 10c. Performance 8:30, 7:30, 9:30. CONCERT HALL—BLASIER BROS. CONCERT EVERY NIGHT. BOWEN BUREAU.

Grand Farewell Concert WHITE TEMPLE, 18th and Taylor Sts. This Evening at 8:15, (Dec. 29) To mark the departure for Paris, early in January, of Arthur L. Alexander TENOR. Direction, Mrs. Walter Reed. Portland's best talent will participate—Mrs. Rose Bloch-Bauer and Mrs. Fletcher Linn, sopranos; Mrs. Walter Reed and Mrs. Anna Selkirk Norton, contraltos; Arthur L. Alexander, tenor; Don J. Zan, baritone; Mrs. William A. Knight, pianist; Edgar E. Courson, accompanist. Debut of Orpheus Music Chorus, 23 selected voices, and the Alexander quartet.

The Arcade Theatre Portland's finest vaudeville theatre. All night long. From 2:30 to 11 p. m.