TOWN TOPICS

TONIGHT'S AMUSEMENTS.

Marquam Grand	"The Star of Bethlehem"
Columbia	"The Charity Ball"
Empire	"For Mother's Sake"
Lyric	Vaudeville
Bijou	Vaudeville
Arcade	Vaudeville
Baker	Vaudeville
Star	Vaudeville
Grand	Vaudeville

W. A. Cox, general agent for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company at Philadelphia, will have charge of the consolidated agency of the Chicago & Northwestern and the Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul & Omaha companies here. A. G. Barker, general agent of the Northwestern here, will become assistant general agent under the consolidation. A. J. Leland and C. J. Gray, now traveling agents for the C., M., St. P. & O., will continue in that capacity here. E. C. Bockmann will act as passenger and ticket agent, J. B. Alexander will remain as stenographer, and C. R. Tully as messenger. R. R. Ritchie, general Pacific coast agent of the Northwestern system, is in the city, supervising the changes.

A petition handed to the circuit court judges yesterday contains a suggestion that some attorneys spend too much time in arguing motions, and the petition seeks to secure from the court an arrangement whereby lawyers who have to appear for only a few minutes on motion day will not have to wait about the court house while some one is engaging the attention of the judges with a long argument. The petition sets forth that the court will please members of the local bar, if some plan be adopted whereby the short arguments may be made first, leaving a clear field for those who wish to indulge in extended forensic display.

F. P. Drake, an employment agent, in answering the complaint filed by Mrs. Mathilda Drake for divorce, claims that they entered into an agreement on October 24, 1904, whereunder they were to divide their property, he to pay her $75 in addition, and they were to separate, and that she released him from all further claims. However, Drake says he is willing to provide for her if she will return and live with him, which she refused to do. He will refuse to do anything towards her support, so long as she remains apart from him.

Assurances were given by Senator Mitchell and Congressman Hermann yesterday that they would do everything in their power to have the east side postal station A reopened. The promises were made to a committee of east side citizens, composed of Joseph Buchtel, Dr. R. A. Wilson, E. M. Branick, Edward Newbegin, Mr. McFall and H. H. Newhall. The committee decided to invite Postmaster Minto to attend a meeting of business men of the east side and enlist his assistance to a restoration of the station.

Officers were elected last night at a meeting of the Sunday school of Grace M. E. church, as follows: Miss Carrie A. Holbrook, superintendent; Walter J. Gill, assistant superintendent; Mrs. F. H. Fleming, lady assistant superintendent; Mrs. F. R. Chown, second lady assistant superintendent; Walter E. Chown, treasurer; Percy Freeman, secretary; Sidney Rasmussen, librarian. They will be installed tomorrow morning at the regular Sunday school hour.

Electricity shocked the janitor of the court house when he entered the record vault of the county clerk yesterday; Chief Clerk Prasp found it necessary to sit on a wooden chair while working the combination of the safe. The matter was serious enough to warrant suspension of business in that portion of the county clerk's department. A search discovered that the connection was made by wires coming in contact with the steel dungeon of the jail beneath.

In the federal court Earnest Hutchinson of the National Stamp company, which does a trading stamp business in this city, has attacked the validity of the city ordinance which provides for the licensing of certain business establishments. He declares the ordinance is a restraint to both state and interstate commerce. The action was begun as the result of Hutchinson's arrest on a warrant from the municipal court.

At the Commercial club yesterday final meetings were held of the committees appointed to secure the annual convention of the National Grange for Portland and to provide for the entertainment of the delegates while here. The finance committee reported that the total receipts from subscriptions were $2,280, and for conferring degrees $1,021, a total of $3,301.

An interesting address was delivered last night in the Temple Beth Israel by Alexander Johnston, general secretary of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections of New York. He spoke of municipal reform and of the "graft" carried on by public officials. He will leave the city for his home in Indiana tomorrow and from there will return to New York.

Tomorrow at 3 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium a special service for men will be held, when Bishop David H. Moore will speak. There will be music by Coulter's orchestra, Y. M. C. A. glee club, and male quartet. From 3 to 3:30 o'clock there will be a concert in the gymnasium followed by the large meeting in the auditorium. All men are invited.

At a meeting of the Federated Trades council last night preliminary arrangements were made toward the organization of a general women's auxiliary to the council. Membership will not only be extended to female relatives of union men, but to all working women. The organization will be completed shortly after the first of the year.

R. J. Byrne, a well known citizen of Portland, has purchased from Bath & Sandys their cafe and confectionery at No. 145 First street. Bath & Sandys were successors to Baumes & Brannan, who succeeded Alisky and Hegee. Mr. Byrne announces that he will meet the high standard set by his predecessors, and if possible will surpass it. Alterations are now being made to accommodate the expected increase in trade. The new proprietor will show his hand tomorrow, when he will serve an excellent New Year's dinner, and at the usual price of 50 cents.

Taylor-Street Methodist Church

Dr. Francis Burgette Short, Pastor.

9:30 a. m. .....Classes
10:30 a. m. .....Morning Sermon
Subject:

"God First"

12:15 p. m. .....Sunday School
6:30 p. m. .....Epworth League
7:30 p. m., union Evangelistic services, held in the First Congregational Church.

All members requested to attend the morning service.

SPECIAL NEW YEAR SERMON

Fine quartet. Congregational singing unexcelled.

All we ask is comparison. What other firm will do this? We make any suit in the house to order for $25; any pants $7.50, and we know no other firm in Portland gives such values as we do. Compare samples and see for yourself. We will be glad to show our stock and workmanship, and not urge you to buy. Pay less and dress better by having us make your clothes. Unique Tailoring Co., 347 Washington street, near Seventh.

Leo Leon Mandelay, 46½ North Sixth street, has filed a suit in the state circuit court to restrain Russell & Blyth from leasing any room in the block which he is located to another restaurant man. Mandelay claims Russell & Blyth agreed not to lease any rooms in the block to another restaurant, but now threatens to do so.

Late cars will be run on all city lines of the Portland Consolidated Railway company on New Year's eve. Cars will leave the end of all city lines, coming in, at 12:30 a. m. and will leave the center of the city, going out, at 1 a. m. except St. Johns, where the last incoming car will leave at 11:50 p. m.

Secretary F. M. Butler, of the Pacific Construction company, says he thinks the Morrison bridge may be opened for traffic by next Sunday. Further delay has been caused by errors in measurements of diagonal bars, but these are being adjusted.

At the urgent invitation from Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Ben Greet, the actor-manager of London, will deliver an address at Temple Beth Israel Thursday evening. Mr. Greet has an international reputation as a scholar and his address will be an important literary event.

A special program will be observed this evening at Salvation Army hall, 128 First street, in honor of the arrival of Captain Davis, from the Hawaiian islands. He will assist Ensign and Mrs. Kuhn in the command of Corps No. 4. The regular meeting will be held tomorrow.

We must sell every second-hand Remington, Smith Premier and Densmore typewriter in the house within the next 10 days. Here is a chance to get a machine for almost nothing. Underwood Typewriter Agency, 65 Front St.

Union Evangelistic Services—Taylor Street M. E. church, 3:30 p. m. except Saturday. First Congregational, at 7:30 p. m. except Saturday, Rev. Ralph Gillam, Lowell, Mass., preacher.

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

On January 3 the Chicago & Northwestern system will concur in the 52½ cent rate on flour from points east of Ellensburg to Chicago and Peoria territory.

Dr. Brougher preaches at the White Temple Sunday. Morning, "The Simple Life;" night, "If I Had My Life to Live Over Again." Baptism.

The Jobes Flouring mill, at St. Johns, with a capacity of 400 barrels daily, and employing 15 men, is ready to begin operations.

The Omar Mining company has been incorporated, capital $50,000, by C. H. Prescott, C. E. S. Wood and A. E. Gebhardt.

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

The estate of the late Anna Ellenreider has been appraised at $9,330, $80 of which is personal property.

Mrs. S. E. Elliot, 355 Salmon street, has received the point lace handkerchief made by Mrs. Graves.

Free dispensary for worthy poor, Tues., Thurs., Sat., 1 p. m. St. Vincent's Hosp.

If you have anything to sell call up Main 5655, 211 First street.

Dr. Amos, surgeon, Dekum building.

REAL ESTATE SOLD FOR GOOD PRICES

Two important real estate deals were made yesterday by David S. Stearns. For 20,000 he sold to Foster & Kleiser, billposters, 100x100 feet on the northwest corner of Everett and Fifth streets. The property belonged to Charles Hartness. The new owners will erect a brick building.

The property at 127 and 129 Front street, now occupied by Levy & Spiegel and Feldman & Co., was sold for W. M. Ladd to the R. H. Lamson estate. It is 100x100 feet in size. The consideration was $17,500.

MAINLY PERSONAL.

Dr. Mott of Salem is in the city.

Dr. U. C. Coe of San Francisco is at the Perkins.

Senator W. I. Vawter of Medford, a conspicuous candidate for president of the state senate, is at the Imperial.

D. A. Paine of Eugene is in town today on business.

Senator A. C. Marsters of Roseburg is registered at the Imperial. He is accompanied by Mrs. Marsters.

E. W. Haines came in from Forest Grove this morning.

Charles Sweeney left last evening for his home in Spokane.

J. A. Johnston of Bend, Or., is at the Portland.

Charles M. Hurst, president of the Hurst Manufacturing company, has arrived from New York City.

Max Loewenson, of the Chicago Clothing company, accompanied by his wife, left last evening for an extended tour of California. They will visit the principal points of interest and will then make a sojourn of several weeks at San Luis Obispo, where Mr. Loewenson will endeavor to secure a much needed rest. Both Mr. and Mrs. Loewenson are Californians, but express a decided preference for Portland as a home.

Jay Upton, clerk in the office of County Judge Webster, has gone to Spokane to spend his New Year vacation.

C. E. Redfield of Heppner, one of the proprietors of the Heppner coal fields and a well known lawyer of that town, is a guest at the Imperial hotel.

Dividend Notice.

At a meeting of the directors of the Hibernia Savings bank, a dividend of $3 per share was declared payable January 1, 1905.

LANSING STOUT, Cashier.

Grandest display of fine scenery ever seen—Portland at the corner of Third and Alder streets. On exhibition from 9 in the morning till 9 at night.

COUNTY VALUATION MILLIONS HIGHER

Interesting Figures Show Comparisons Between Assessments This and Last Year.

MULTNOMAH PAYS THIRTY PER CENT STATE TAXES

Extension of Rolls Will Be Delayed Because of Difficulty in Compilation.

Total tax to be paid by city, 1904 assessment	$1,965,863.00
Total tax paid by city, 1903 assessment	1,843,381.00
Increase for coming year	122,477.00
Tax money to be used for city only, 9.625 mills, on $50,898,606 valuation, 1904 assessment	489,899.08
Tax money used for city only, 9.5 mills, on $46,084,534 valuation, 1903 assessment	437,910.99
Increase for coming year	51,988.09

COMPARISON 1903 AND 1904 TAXES.

	1903 Levy. Mills.	1904 Levy. Estimated Mills.
State tax	7.5	5.6
State school	5.0	4.8
County	6.4	6.4
Road	2.1	2.1
Special county (library)	.2	.2
Port of Portland	2.8	2.7
Total	24.0	21.8
City of Portland	9.5	9.625
School District No. 1	6.5	7.2
Total	40.0	38.625

Will Pay More Taxes.

Portland will pay $122,477 more taxes during the coming year, upon the 1904 assessment, than during 1904 on the 1903 assessment.

Multnomah county, with a proportional increase in valuation, will pay proportionally more taxes in 1905, based on the 1904 assessment, than in 1904 on the 1903 assessment.

The total of the tax money to be raised in the entire county cannot now be even approximated. The state must yet receive reports from the counties, before it can decide what shall be the state tax, and the school districts taxes must yet be figured. However, the increase in valuation being greater in proportion than the decrease in the millage tax imposed will operate to compel the property owners to pay more money into the treasury than they have paid this year.

The tax figures for the coming year are mostly estimates, although the city tax has been determined, the ordinance adopted for that purpose naming 9.625 or 9⅝ mills as the levy. This will raise during the coming year, on a valuation of $50,898,606, the sum of $489,899.08, against $437,910.99 this year, on a valuation of $46,084,534, or an increase in the city taxes of $51,988.09.

The valuation for the 1904 assessment would have been higher, in all probability, had it not been that the city councilmen would not give assurance that, if the valuation was raised, they would not impose the same number of mills as have been imposed hitherto, thus increasing immensely the amount of tax paid by the people.

Increase of Millions.

The valuation of the entire county in the 1903 assessment was $51,088,300, and in the 1904 assessment, $56,429,027, an increase of $5,390,727, while the decrease in the millage imposed is 1.375.

Of the money collected in this county $382,567.50 was paid this year as the state tax. Multnomah county's share being a trifle more than 31 per cent of the entire taxes collected for the state of Oregon.

To prevent delay in getting the tax rolls in shape for extension, County Clerk Fields has written to Secretary of State Dunbar and will take other steps to expedite matters, if possible. It will be absolutely necessary to receive from the secretary of state the levy of state taxes, before the county officers may proceed to determine exactly what sum must be paid here, and the state must receive from the various counties the reports of their expenditures for the year, in order that the averaging of the previous five-year expenses may be made up, as the basis of the millage to be imposed.

At the very best, extension of the rolls will be delayed to a date much later than usual, and it will occasion considerable inconvenience.

A taste of the laborious work of figuring to five and six decimal points was had today, in making estimates of the taxes for the coming year. The city's tax of 9⅝ mills, which, expressed in decimals is 9.625, made the estimate for the entire tax 38.625 mills, so that, if this estimate be correct, each valuation of property must be multiplied by 38.625 to find the amount of tax to be paid.

EAGLE BALL TONIGHT

"Dancing the Old Year Out and the New Year In."

Portland Aerie No. 4, Eagles, give their annual hop tonight in Merrill's auditorium, Seventh and Oak streets. Scores of carpenters and workmen have been working on the polished maple surface for the past week, in order that the thousand or more couples may enjoy themselves tonight. Everest's dancing orchestra have been engaged for the occasion. All respectable people are invited to join in the festivities. Gentlemen 50 cents, ladies 25 cents.

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ADMISSION 75c

Tickets for sale at Aldrich Pharmacy, Nau's Drug Store and Schiller's Cigar stores.

MEETING'S OBJECT IS PEACE ON EARTH

People of Portland Will Tomorrow Voice Sentiments of Goodwill to Men.

The "peace" meeting will be held tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock at the Marquam Grand theatre to spread the propaganda which received a strong impetus from the Inter-Parliamentary union meeting at St. Louis and the World's Peace congress at Boston. Similar peace meetings have been held in a number of large cities including New York, San Francisco, Pittsburg and Philadelphia.

It is the aim of those who have called the mass meeting, in the first place, to pass resolutions of commendation of the action of President Roosevelt. The further object of the meeting is to request the Oregon senators to labor for the adoption of such peace treaties as may be submitted to the senate.

Governor Chamberlain will preside. A letter will be read from Archbishop Alexander Christie and short address will be given by Dr. Edgar P. Hill, Dr. T. L. Eliot, Mrs. Abigail Scott-Duniway, C. E. S. Wood and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise.

Among those who will serve as vice-presidents are W. M. Ladd, Hon Joseph Simon, Dr. J. R. Wilson, Mrs. F. H. Page, A. L. Mills, R. W. Montague, F. K. Arnold, W. F. Woodward, R. W. Wilbur, I. N. Fleischner, J. Couch Flanders, T. E. Sullivan, Sigmund Frank and Henry Hahn.

A large attendance is expected and the men and women of Portland are cordially invited to be present.

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AMUSEMENTS.

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MONTGOMERY AND CANTOR.
THE DELKES.
ARTHUR LANE.
In Pictured Ballads.
WILLIAMS
and
THE PROJECTOSCOPE.

8—BIG ACTS—8

Admission, 10c; reserved box seats, 25c.

The Arcade Theatre

Portland's pioneer vaudeville theatre. New bill starts today. Continuous performance from 2:30 to 11 p. m.

WALDRON BROS.
DAN AND BESSIE KELLY.
SYLVAN AND O'NEIL.
LOIS MENDENHALL.
GENEVIEVE ARDELL.
AND THE AMERICAN BIOSCOPE.

Admission to any seat, 10c.

Bijou Theatre

Sixth St., Opp. Oregonian.

PROGRAM FOR WEEK OF DEC. 26.
WELCH & MAITLAND.
MAY & MILLS. JAMES GRAHAM.
BURDICK, NOVELTY MAGICIAN.
NORMAN MARGESON PEARL GRAYSON.
BIJOGRAPH—"A Chinaman's Acrobatic Guest" and "The Trials and Troubles of an Automobilist."

Afternoons from 2 to 4:30, evenings from 7 to 10:30, Sunday continuous from 2 to 10:30. Admission 10 cents.

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JEAN WILSON.
EDITH CLARK.
NORWOOD BROS.
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Concert at the Armory, WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 4, 1905, at 8:30 o'clock.

Prices—Lower floor, $3, $2.50, $2, $1.50, $1; balcony, $2.50, $2, $1.50, $1.

Columbia Theatre

A. H. BALLARD, Lessee and Manager.

Phone Main 811. Down-town box office, Main 110.

Tonight, Last Performance of Belasco and De Mille's greatest drama,

The Charity Ball

Evening prices, 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c. Matinee prices, 10c, 15c, 25c.

Down-town box office open from 10 a. m. till 7 p. m., at Dolly Varden candy shop, 327 Morrison street. After 7 p. m. at theatre.

Next week, starting Sunday matinee, Augustin Daly's comedy, "The Last Word."

EMPIRE THEATRE

George L. Baker, Manager.

Seats can be ordered by Phone Main 117. "Any dead fish can float down stream, but it takes a live one to go up."

Tonight, last time, 8:15 p. m., of The Little Sunbeam,

MARIE HEATH

In the Pastoral Idyl,

"For Mother's Sake"

One solid week, starting tomorrow (Sunday) matinee. Special matinee Monday, New Year's day, B. C. Whitney's Stupendous Extravaganza,

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In the "Doll-Maker's Dilemma."
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