

Town Topics

At a meeting of the committee of one hundred this evening in the council chamber of the city hall a constitution and by-laws will be presented by the committee appointed for that purpose.

Miss Margaret Moorshouse addressed the at home given at the E. W. C. A. headquarters yesterday afternoon on the subject of "How to Save on a Small Wage." She showed how small daily savings would soon amount to a neat little sum, enough to make a trip abroad or to secure a college education.

Colonel O. E. Wood, U. S. A., who was the United States military attaché at Tokio prior to the breaking out of hostilities between Japan and Russia, gave a lecture last night before the People's Forum on the "Ideas and Customs of the Japanese." Among other things, he said the little brown men consider it an honor to sacrifice their lives for their emperor and country.

There is lively competition for the offices of the Portland Admen's league, to be distributed by the membership at this evening's annual meeting in the tower-room of the Commercial club.

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United States commissioners were appointed this morning by Judge Wolverton in the federal court as follows: Ebenezer G. D. Holden, Coquille, Coos county; H. E. Ellis, Bend, Crook county; W. W. Calkins, Eugene, Lane county; A. S. Cooley, Walla-walla, Walla-walla county; Robert H. Wilkinson, McLerritt, Malheur county. The judge announced that W. D. Sheehan of Enterprise would be reappointed at the expiration of his present term, April 3.

John L. Day has filed a declaration that he will become a candidate for the nomination for constable of the west side justice court on the Republican ticket. Mr. Day lives at 120 North Fourteenth street and his platform is "Prompt personal service, law enforcement and opposition to graft."

Joseph A. Ryan this morning filed his petition announcing himself to be a candidate for the nomination for county treasurer on the Republican ticket. There were 482 signers to the petition. Mr. Ryan filed his declaration to file a petition on February 23, and is the first man to file his petition. His platform is "Courtesy, efficiency, honesty and economy."

At Drew hall, 162 Second street, there will be a mass meeting of the Oregon Labor party tonight. The organization will be open to all and addresses will be made by a number of speakers. It is said that interest in the meeting has been increasing and a large attendance is expected.

Proud of your lawn? If not, reseed it with our fancy lawn grass seed. Remember how pretty the lawn was at the fair grounds? We furnished the seed. Call Main 473 and ask our landscape gardener about making lawns. Portland Seed Co.

Local railway mail service officials received word this morning that a new postoffice had been established at O'Neill, Crook county. It will receive its mail by stage from Prineville.

Professor E. R. Laka of the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis, is registered at the Imperial. Among the other guests is J. A. Halsey, Democratic politician from Pendleton.

The Lewis and Clark observatory. The grandest sight ever seen in Portland is the snow scene from the top of the observatory. During the great snow storm of yesterday.

Lost—The man who lost his eye glasses can have them replaced for \$1; a perfect fit guaranteed. Metzger & Co., 111 Sixth street, Jewellers and opticians.

Acme Oil Co. sells the best safety coal oils and the gasolines. Phone East 789.

All watches cleaned, \$1. All main springs, \$1. Metzger & Co., 111 Sixth street, lunch, 12 to 2.

Milwaukie Country Club. Los Angeles and Oakland roads. Take Sellywood and Oregon City cars at First and Adams.



The Meier & Frank Store

ANNOUNCES FOR TOMORROW EVENING THE GRAND FORMAL OPENING OF

Their Spring Merchandise

An Event planned on a grand scale and that will prove of particular interest to all who admire viewing the handsomest merchandise the world produces—The entire establishment will be in gala attire—Plan to visit the store tomorrow evening, 8 to 10—EVERYONE CORDIALLY INVITED.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS FOR TOMORROW NIGHT

Music by selected Orchestra of twenty pieces, conducted by Prof. Amsterdam of the Portland Hotel Orchestra, Main Floor—Mrs. Rose Bloch-Bauer, Soloist, (Weber Grand used)—Selected Orchestra of ten pieces, Upholstery Department, Third Floor—Beautiful display of Cloaks and Millinery, Second Floor—Superb display of the Finest Merchandise in Every Department—1500 fresh Calla Lilies arrived by express today from California—200 large palms, trees and plants with five wagon loads of ferns will be used entirely for decoration purposes.

AGAIN WE SAY, RAIN, SNOW or SHINE, BE SURE TO COME TO THE STORE TOMORROW EVENING

CURIOUS FLOCK TO HEAR MESSAGE

Colonel Fitz Gerald, Self-Styled Forerunner of Christ, Talks to Throngs.

CONVERTS ARE FEW, BUT COLONEL IS CHEERFUL

He Says That Many Are Believers Throughout State of Oregon, That Half a Million in All Think Abdul Bahai the Returned Christ.

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But Portland has not prostrated herself before this Persian Jew, who to Christians, claims to be the Christ, to Jews the Messiah, to Mohammedans the Prophet, and to all religions the Son of God. The crowds were large, but conversions few. For two hours yesterday afternoon and for an hour last night they listened intently to the impassioned appeals of this modern John the Baptist, who is telling to America the story of the second coming of a Lord of Aca.

Colonel Fitz Gerald, however, said that there were many converts in Oregon, that he had received letters from various towns in the state, urging him to bring his message to them; that in Portland he had shown a remarkable desire for the truth and that he had been called into many families to talk with them of the modern Christ.

In order that the whole city may have the opportunity to learn of the new Christ, Colonel Fitz Gerald will remain in Portland for another week and will speak again next Sunday afternoon and evening. At the afternoon services, there is no admission fee; contributions are voluntary. Admission to the evening lectures, however, cost 25 cents. "Christianity is one the wane," said Colonel Fitz Gerald yesterday. "In the course of only a few years it will not be the religion of the world, and you and I will live to see the world accept Abdul Bahai as the Christ."

"To see him is to know that he is the Christ. He has never announced himself as such, but there are 20,000,000 people in this world in sound mind who have seen him perform miracles more wonderful than any that are related in the Bible. And those that are related in the Bible are not the best of evidence, any way."

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BISSELL THOMAS FREE ON MOTION OF ADAMS

Charge of Uttering Forged Draft Dismissed by Judge Frazer.

Upon the recommendation of Deputy District Attorney Harry Adams, the charge of uttering a forged draft filed against Bissell Thomas last December was dismissed this morning by Presiding Judge Arthur L. Fraser. Thomas is the son of the prominent corporation attorney of St. Louis. About 10 weeks after his arrest, he was found insane and ordered sent to the asylum, the complaint against the prisoner regarding his sanity having been signed by his attorney.

At the examination of Thomas he told his history in an ordinary manner and no one suspected that he was insane until he said so. Jailer Grafton declares that during Thomas' weeks in the county jail he never saw nor heard anything that would cause one to think that the prisoner was insane. Soon after he was sent to jail, Thomas telegraphed home for \$500. A week before Thomas was taken to the asylum, District Attorney John Manning appeared in the circuit court and declared that he wanted the keeper of a private sanitarium, where Thomas had expressed a wish to be sent, placed under bonds to deliver the prisoner back into the hands of the district attorney after a cure had been effected. Mr. Manning declared that he had been informed that the prisoner's mother had written to have her son go to a sanitarium and that everything had been arranged so that he could return home in a few weeks.

PRACTICED SIXTEEN YEARS WITHOUT A PERMIT

W. W. Cotton Learns He Had No Right to Try Cases in U. S. District Court.

W. W. Cotton was this morning admitted to practice in the United States district court. He has been trying cases before that tribunal for 16 years. He voluntarily went into court and apologized to Judge Wolverton.

"I accept your apology under the existing circumstances," said Judge Wolverton, "and upon your request admit you to practice."

Mr. Cotton said that he joked Attorney R. W. Montague because he had practiced before the court, but had never been admitted, when Mr. Montague said to him:

"You have no license to laugh at me; you have never been admitted yourself." Mr. Cotton examined the court records and ascertained that his friend was correct. How many other lawyers in the city and state are in the same position as were Attorneys Cotton and Montague is not known, but it is suspected that the number is large. Years ago the United States circuit court met on one day and the district court the next and when an attorney was admitted to practice in one court he thought it embraced both.

On behalf of the Multnomah Bar association Attorney A. A. Aya of Portland was admitted to practice in both courts, his name being presented by Attorney Charles J. Schnabel, member of the committee on admission.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES TO BEGIN AT HOQUIAM

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Hoquiam, Wash., March 19.—A pavilion 50x100 feet has been erected here and is now receiving the finishing touches that will put it in readiness for use next Tuesday. At that time evangelistic services will begin in it which all the churches of the city will unite as well as the Y. M. C. A. The meetings will be conducted by J. E. Honeywell, evangelist, and E. B. Bilhous, composer. They will be assisted by a chorus choir of 100 voices.

BRUIN NOW WILL HAVE CHARGE

Kuhn Murder Mystery Will Be Probed Under Direction of Captain of Detectives.

DIFFERENCES WITH CHIEF ARE EXPLAINED

Dove of Peace Flutters Down on Police Department—Snow to Have Charge of Case and Resing Works With Him—Stepson Not Suspected.

Investigations in the Julius Kuhn murder case will now be under the exclusive direction of Captain Bruin. The understanding that caused Chief Gratzmacher to order the detectives to report to him and not to their captain has been explained away.

This morning Captain Bruin formally assigned the murder case to Detective Snow and detailed Detective Resing to work with him as his partner. He received a detailed report from Snow as to the theory upon which he and Kerrigan had been working, and while he advised him to follow up his clue, he directed the team to make special investigations along another line which he thinks may result in throwing some definite light on the mystery. Developments along this line are expected in a short time.

It was learned today that the belief of some of the authorities that Snow and Kerrigan were working upon a theory involving the stepson of Julius Kuhn was erroneous; there was no suspicion, it is said, against the young man, and the detectives had nothing that would lead them even to think of him in the case. Their clue, it is claimed, involved a German known to be a bad character and whose motive was supposed to be robbery. It was for the arrest of this man that they asked and secured the "John Doe" warrant.

For the manner in which the case was conducted up to the time of the resignation of Kerrigan, Snow was not responsible, it is learned from the chief and captain. The case was assigned to Detective Kerrigan; he was in charge and Snow was only an assistant. While it has been demonstrated that there was conflict of authority, that a "fake" report was submitted to Captain Bruin, and contradictory statements were made relative to the investigation of a certain clue, and while those knowing the inside of the case believe the detectives were working upon a false line, these matters have been straightened out now, the atmosphere has been cleared and the murder is to be handled in a way that is expected to produce speedy results.

Mainly Personal. Among the Perkins hotel guests is W. B. Cone, timberman of Baker City. Frank Gibson of Rickard, stockman and merchant, is at the Perkins. E. P. Dodd, Pendleton banker, came in this morning and is stopping at the Imperial. Judge J. A. Fee of Pendleton is at the Imperial. Sheriff Harvey K. Brown of Baker City, who has Republican gubernatorial aspirations, is among the Imperial hotel guests.

Christensen of San Francisco, Pacific coast manager of Wells, Fargo & Company, is among the guests at the Portland hotel.

Mrs. George H. Kelly of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, Eugene, is visiting friends in Portland and stopping at the Imperial. E. C. Bellnap brick manufacturer of Estacada, is at the Portland hotel, accompanied by Mrs. Bellnap. Frank Gibson of Rickard, stockman and merchant, is at the Perkins. E. P. Dodd, Pendleton banker, came in this morning and is stopping at the Imperial. Judge J. A. Fee of Pendleton is at the Imperial. Sheriff Harvey K. Brown of Baker City, who has Republican gubernatorial aspirations, is among the Imperial hotel guests.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR CURES the Most STUBBORN COUGHS

NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

- RELIGION AND MYTHOLOGY. Crothers, E. M.—Eternal Life. Mabie, H. W.—Myths Every Child Should Know. SOCIOLOGY. Fish, C. R.—Civil Service and the Patronage. Moore, J. B.—American Diplomacy. Scott, W. A.—Money and Banking. Spalding, J. L.—Means and Ends of Education. PHILOLOGY. Olson, J. E.—Norwegian Grammar and Reader. USEFUL ARTS. Fulton, John—Coke. Gillette, H. P.—Handbook of Cost Data for Contractors and Engineers, 1905. Green, S. B.—Principles of American Forestry. Saint-Maur, K. V.—Self-Supporting Home. FINE ARTS. (Including Landscape Gardening and Amusements.) Anthony, Robert—Practical Ventriloquism. RADFORD ARCHITECTURAL CO.—Radford American Homes. Woolson, G. A.—Ferns and How to Grow Them. LITERATURE. Cody, Sherwin—Selections From the Great English Poets. Gilbert, W. S.—Original Plays, 3 v. Maeterlinck, Maurice—Old-Fashioned Flowers. Parnock, H. S.—Introduction to American Literature. Hancock, H. S.—Introduction to English Literature. Pater, W. H.—Essays From "The Guardian." Sophocles—Plays and Fragments; ed. and tr. by R. C. Jebb, 7 vo. TRAVEL AND DESCRIPTION. Buley, E. C.—Australian Life in Town and Country. Gardner, S. R.—School Atlas of English History. Whitney, Caspar—Jungle Trails and Jungle People. HISTORY. Bassett, J. S.—Federalist System (American Nation, v. 11). Hart, A. B.—Essentials in American History. Parrish, Randall—Historic Illinois. Bronte, Charlotte—Charlotte Bronte and Her Sisters; C. K. Shorter. FICTION. Benson, E. F.—Luck of the Vails. Carr, C. E.—Illini; a Story of the Prairies. Clifford, Mrs. L. (L.)—Aunt Anne. Donnell, A. H.—Rebecca Mary. Lyall, Edna—Donovan. Rosegger, P. K.—Forest Schoolmaster. Stockton, F. R.—Mrs. Chitt's Yacht. BOOKS FOR CHILDREN. Bible for Children. French, H. W.—Through Arcotics and Tropics. Markham, Richard—Colonial Days. Stone, Witmer, and Cram, W. E.—American Animals, 1902. White, S. E.—Magic Forest.

MEET ME AT THE Apollo Rink

LEARN TONIGHT Apollo Rink Don't Forget the Races JONES & RANDALL

PAROLED ON PROMISE TO BE GOOD—BROKE WORD

Sheriff Word arrested Realous Walling at Irrigon, Oregon, Sunday for having broken his promise to work and behave himself. Walling, who is about 21 years old, was arrested in Portland last November on the charge of larceny from a dwelling. He pleaded guilty.

Presiding Judge Fraser agreed to parole the boy upon the request of a Mr. Holbrook of Irrigon, who was to have charge of the young man for a year. For several weeks after his release from jail Walling worked hard and earned good wages. But he is said

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NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

- PSYCHIC PALMIST AND CLAIRVOYANT. Prof. Harrington is a graduate of the occult colleges of India, and has means to show that were given him by the noble people as attesting their high esteem for his greatness. AMUSEMENTS. Marquam Grand Theatre. Phone Main 500. TOMORROW AND WEDNESDAY NIGHTS. Special-Price Matinee Wednesday. The Spectacular Musical Extravaganza. "THE BEAUTY AND THE BEAST." Evening Prices—25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50. Matinee Prices—25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1. SEATS NOW SELLING. Baker Theatre. Oregon Theatre Co., Lessee. Geo. L. Baker, Mgr. Yamhill and Third sts., Phone Main 1007. THE HOME OF MUSICAL BUBLESQUIE. A WINNING NUMBER THIS WEEK. REILLY AND WOOD'S BIG SHOW. Headed by Pat Reilly, Comedian. A Profusion of Good Things—Fun, Music and Pretty Girls—Grand Spectacular Ballet. "Hades Up to Date." Wednesday Bargain Day Matinee, 25 cents to any seat. Other Matinee Saturday (last performance), 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00. Evening Prices, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c. Next Attraction—"Miss New York Jr."

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Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodward of Portland returned Saturday from an extended trip through Mexico. They traveled as far south as Vera Cruz and

spent some time seeing the sights in the historic old cities and towns of the republic.

Mr. Woodward says that they encountered some exceptionally cold weather for Mexico, and he came back with the conviction that the spring and autumn are the times to visit the country. At the City of Mexico they found temperatures lower than had been reported there in 25 years.

The natives, Mr. Woodward says, are most courteous, but are very poor. The outlook for "Mexico" they say, "is not bright. It is a beautiful country, but it is not a country that has any future. It is a country that has been ruined by the greed of its rulers."

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