

Town Topics

TOMORROW'S AMUSEMENTS.
Halls.
Alberta Gallatin in "Dorothy Vernon"
Barker in "A Bachelor's Romance"
Empire in "The Danton"
Luna in "The Danton"
Vaudette in "The Danton"
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The most loved and longest preserved portrait is a portrait of yourself. It is appropriate for your wife, your husband, your brother, your sister or your lover—for anybody you esteem. For years we believe we have been supreme in the production of the very best examples of the photographer's art. If you will call today between 10 and 3, we will gladly accord you a sitting and have the work completed by the end of Christmas. E. W. Moore, expert photographer, Elks' building, Seventh and Stark.

Rev. Edward C. Downey, pastor of the Spokane Universalist church, will fill the pulpit at the First Universalist church, East Eighth and Couch streets, today. He will preach at 11 o'clock this morning and at 7:30 o'clock this evening. Dr. Downey is here looking over the field with a view of recommending some one to the vacant pastorate left by Rev. William C. Stark. He has been very successful with his Spokane parish, which has built a \$20,000 church during his pastorate.

Handsome suits for men, made with the correct three or four-button sack coat, cut from fine unfinished worsteds, serges and novelty cloths perfectly tailored and trimmed as well as any garments could be trimmed, are offered at a figure that makes it unnecessary for any man to go without a creditable outfit of nice clothing at any time. Any suit in the house for \$29, no more, no less, and it is ready to select from. Unique Tailoring Co., 319 Stark, between Fifth and Sixth.

A positive fact of a real clearance sale on the entire stock of men's and youth's clothing, furnishing and shoes. The public is well aware of John DeLar's square dealing. Mr. DeLar intends to change his business and will positively sell out every article of goods located in 53-55 North Third street, corner of Davis. Supply yourself with first-class merchandise at one-half price of its value. Sale begins Monday, December 17. Store for rent, fixtures for sale.

Ministers and Medians' Protective Association will meet in W. O. W. hall, Elliott-Hirsch building, corner Tenth and Washington streets, every Sunday evening at 7:45 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Dickey, formerly of Tacoma, will lecture tonight on subject "Living the Peace That Kills," followed by Gertrude Woodfield, medium, with spirit messages free. Special invitation to those who wish to investigate.

Toys from tomorrow—Girls and boys, we have 3,000 good toys to give away tomorrow (Monday). Have mamma buy a pound of our celebrated 25 cent coffee and receive any toy in our window. Lots of them, come after school, it will not be too late. Haines' Toy Store, 170 Third street, between Yamhill and Morrison.

Handsome Palms—We have received a fine shipment of palms and plants from Belgium. Nothing nicer for home decoration or presents. We have all sizes from 50c to \$5. Price low so as to move them. Come to our store and make your selection. Portland Seed Co., Front and Yamhill streets.

The Road to Prosperity starts in a tailor shop. A good suit of clothes is a letter of credit into any society. That man is a prince who has his garments made by Armstrong, the fashionable tailor, Raleigh building, 323 Washington street. Your clothes fit you, it Armstrong cuts them.

Comrades of Lincoln-Garfield post, G. A. R., are requested to be present at our last regular meeting for this year next Thursday evening, December 18, after which the W. R. C. will furnish entertainment and refreshments. R. A. Wohlfarth, adjutant.

A short story and a true one. We give you the best values in pictures framed and unframed in the city, look over the pictures in the picture department and be convinced. Sanborn, Vail & Co., 170 First street.

Get It Off Your Mind—Phone us that order for your Christmas tree, Oregon grape and mistletoe, to be delivered this week. Ask our salesman. Main 473. Portland Seed Co., Front street, corner Yamhill.

Senior A. De Caprio, leader of the famous Lewis and Clark Administration Band and Concert company, has opened his studio at 585 Fifth street. Phone Main 5012. Music furnished for all occasions.

Wanted—Exact address of Mrs. Lillie B. Hayburn, presumed a housekeeper. Richard Gruber, 517 Commercial block.

Palms, Rare Plants, Etc.—Just received 20 cases handsome Japanese

HERE ARE THE WINNERS IN THE JOURNAL'S SKIDOO CONTEST

And here are the winners. The great skidoo problem has been solved by nearly 800 of the 7,000 people who tried it. These figures prove the interest taken by all classes in the puzzle, which was the most popular feature ever taken up by a paper on the coast. This is the report made by the presiding judge of the court to whom was submitted the answers that contained the right figures:

The Judge's Report. Portland, Dec. 15.—To the Puzzle Editor, The Journal: I have made a careful examination of those answers to the "skidoo problem" that contained the correct number. That is, \$25,377,531, and it appears that the solution of Olphar E. Brooks, 314 Grand avenue, Portland, comes nearest to fulfilling all the conditions of the problem, as stated in The Journal. I have awarded to him the first prize of 1,000 pennies. The remaining 46 prizes I have awarded to

palms, cypresses, camellias, magnolias, rare plants, fern balls, etc. Nothing nicer or more appropriate for Christmas presents. Make your selections now for later delivery. Portland Seed Co., Front and Yamhill streets.

Don't worry about what to give for a present. Have one of these pictures you prize so much framed artistic, or secure one of the many moderate priced ready framed pictures. Sanborn, Vail & Co., 170 First street, are showing new pictures and frames in great variety.

The steamer Telegraph will lay off until the first of March in order to make extensive repairs. She will then resume her regular run. The improvements will be such that the traveling public will appreciate as the service will be greatly improved.

Special services in celebration of Hanukkah will be conducted by the pupils of the Ahavai Shalom Religious school, at the synagogue, corner Park and Clay streets, this evening at 8 o'clock. All are invited.

It would interest you to look through the framed picture department and see how beautifully and attractive the new pictures are and at such a price. It is a treat. Sanborn, Vail & Co., 170 First street.

This will remind you that now is the time to have your hair mattresses renovated and returned the same day. Phone Main 474. The Portland Curled Hair Factory, H. Metzger, proprietor.

Dance, Tuesday, December 18. Marguerite hall, Marguerite and Hawthorne avenues. Brotherhood American Yachting Club orchestra. Admission 25 cents.

See the ad of E. S. Jackson & Co. today if you want an eight-room dwelling and full lot for yourself or for rental purposes at very attractive figure.

Your eyes examined free.—We are still selling spectacles at \$1.00. A perfect fit guaranteed. McFarmer & Co., Jewellers and opticians, 111 Sixth street.

Do not miss this opportunity.—George J. Joubert & Co., 341 Washington street, great holiday oriental rug and lace sale now on. 25 per cent reductions.

Steamer Jessie Harkins for Camas, Washington and way landings, only except Sunday. Leaves Washington street dock at 2 p. m.

Seventy-five leading dailies; 250 leading magazines; 100 leading newspapers for your reading matter. Fourth and Washington.

"Ethics of Socialism and Christianity identical." J. C. Perrine, tonight, Alhambra hall, Third and Morrison. Music free.

Nashville opera house, Dance Thursday and Saturday. Masquerade New Year's eve. Take Mt. Scott car.

Just the thing for men—Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen. Sold by Gill, Third and Alder.

Window glass and glazing. F. E. Beach & Co., the pioneer paint company, 135 First st. Tel. Main 1234.

Gift books to please every one. Prices to please purchasers, at Gill's, Third and Alder.

Acme Oil Co. sells the best safety coal oil and fine gasoline. Phone East 789.

Hand bags, special finishes; hand-somest in Portland. At Gill's, Third and Alder.

Dr. G. M. Wells, residence 785 East Burnside street. Phone East 2669.

For Quality, Quantity and Quickness, go to Morris' restaurant.

Renew magazine subscriptions at J. K. Gill's, Third and Alder.

"Public stenographer, Phone Pacific 83." Watch Wooster!!!

The following named contestants: Olphar E. Brooks, 314 Grand avenue, north, city. Miss Dolly Bending, 234 Washington street, Albany. Georgiana Clark, Victoria, B. C. Charles H. Bohrer, Welser, Idaho. W. S. Killea, Montavilla. Lillian E. Wolverton, 540 Jackson street. John J. Caspary, 297 North Twelfth street. Roscoe C. Tarbell, M. D., 23 Main street, Groton, N. Y. F. M. Priest, Klamath Falls. R. E. Beagle, Clifton. Mrs. E. M. Ferguson, Ashland. P. R. Angia, The Dalles. Mrs. J. C. Curtis, Astoria. Stephen J. Kirby, 575 East Ankeny. E. E. Aldrich, 415 Fliedner bldg. Mrs. Martha W. Rigby, box 243, Hood River. C. A. Dayton, 1870 Dwight street, University Park. Grover C. Birchett, P. O. box 442, Albany. A. Pickard, city.

Chas. A. Vincent, box 255, Coosville. Miss May Nell, La Grande. Irene Campbell, Chemawa. Anna Alexander, La Grande. T. C. Jory, Salem, R. F. D. No. 4. N. W. Gloss, 1717 Dwight street, University Park. F. H. Isenberg, Cascade Locks. Ira J. Murrill, 138 Morrison street. Max M. Donohoe, 353 Stark street. P. A. Anderson, room 40, Worcester building. Miss Valma Edwards, Corvallis. Arthur Jensen, 569 Thurman street. Lowell C. Paget, care Portland Trust company.

Merwyn Paget, Clifton, Or. Effie Wright, 502 Wygant street. Donald Nickelson (12 years old) Hood River. Mrs. J. E. Lilly, 604 Grand avenue N. May Turrell, St. Johns. M. O. Stingle, Huntington. P. L. Harbour, Weston, Or. W. W. Merriam, 888 Williams avenue. N. Lund, Vancouver, Wash., R. F. D. No. 3. Imra Wann, 2511 Hillside Way, Berkeley, Cal. Walter B. Johnson, general delivery, city. W. A. Grantam, 402 1/2 Williams avenue. W. H. Bishop, Warm Springs. Mrs. J. C. Feistyjohn, Salem. Franklin Ball, 215 East Thirty-sixth street. Respectfully submitted. MRS. R. W. HAGOOD.

Prize-Winning Solution. Everybody will be interested in knowing what was the "best." Here it is: The conditions of the problem are such that when it was attempted to put an equal number of pennies in two boxes, three boxes, four boxes, and so on up to and including the number 23 boxes, it was found that in each attempt a such equal division of the pennies into the various numbers of boxes, there was in each instance one penny left over, but when it was attempted to put the pennies in 23 boxes, an equal number in each box, the division was successful, and there were none left over.

Now, the least number that is exactly divisible by the consecutive numbers 2 to 23 inclusive, is 23,792,531; hence 23,792,530 plus 1 would be the number of the pennies, were it not for the condition that such number must be exactly divisible by the number 23. If 23,792,530 is divided by 23, the quotient will be 1,034,458 with a remainder of 15. In order to find the number that will be exactly divisible by 23 and at the same time contain each of the consecutive numbers 2 to 23 inclusive, an integral number of times with a remainder of 1 in each instance, it is necessary to multiply the number 23,792,530, which is 23,792,530 plus 1, by some number such that the resulting product plus 1 will be exactly divisible by 23, the numbers 2 to 23, with a remainder of 1 in each instance. Such multiplier may be determined by multiplying the remainder 15 above by the integral numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, etc., till the resulting product with the addition of 1 to it is a multiple of 23. It is found that 15 times multiplied by 3 gives 45, which plus 1 is 46, an exact multiple of 23; hence, if the number 23,792,530 is multiplied by 3, and 1 added, the result is 71,377,581, a number which contains 23 exactly 3,059,898 times and it contains each of the numbers 2 to 23 inclusive, an exact number of times with 1 remainder in each instance. Therefore the number of pennies was 71,377,581.

OLPHAR E. BROOKS, 314 Grand Avenue North. Interest Was Widespread. The other contestants to whom prizes were awarded gave excellent answers. One of the judges said it was unfortunate that all come from the city. The answers came from all over this country and some from British Columbia. There was a discussion over the eligibility of the solution sent by Dr. Tarbell of Groton, New York, inasmuch as it arrived on Monday, the day following the date on which the contest closed, but as the letter had been posted in time to reach this office on Sunday, and as the envelope was stamped Sunday, it was decided to permit the entry. Dr. Tarbell won a prize. This skidoo puzzle gave the people much entertainment. It aroused a lot of talk and some of the answers were decidedly clever—even outside of the list that won prizes. The puzzle editor has but one regret to express in connection with the contest, the real editors and the business office demanded so much space in The Journal for the interesting things—such as news and advertising—that it was impossible to publish in full the witticisms and poetry that accompanied some of the solutions.

MINOR CRIMES ARE REPORTED TO POLICE. B. W. Levens, proprietor of the Hotel Scott, reports that a suit case containing a revolver, several pairs of cuff links and rope and fixtures for artificial limb were stolen from the hotel.

Mrs. Hineman, 133 1/2 Fourth street, notified the authorities yesterday that a sneak thief had carried away two blankets, a pair of trousers and a coat from a room in her house.

John Bell, 291 1/2 East Morrison street, has informed the police of the theft of a suit of clothes and two pairs of shoes from his home.

Social Dance Thursday evening at Arion hall, good time and good music. Admission, gents, 25 cents; ladies, free. Professor Eaton manager.

Gill's Book Store. Open evenings until Christmas. Third and Alder.

Is there anything here that you want? Lots of other pretty things that are impossible to illustrate. A WORD ABOUT DIAMONDS. YOU MUST HAVE CONFIDENCE in the dealer who sells you diamonds. ASK YOUR FRIENDS if you are reliable. If we ever misrepresent, and if you can't do just a little better here than at the other place. Then come to us. We know we can please you, and save you quite a little money.—ASK TO SEE OUR TWENTIETH CENTURY DIAMONDS. WATCHES. Never before have we offered watches at such low prices as this Xmas; that is why we are selling so many. Ladies' gold-filled watches from \$9.50 up. Gents' gold-filled, from \$19.00 up. SEAL RINGS. Positively the largest stock of Seal Rings ever shown in this city, ranging in price from \$1.75 to \$35.00, including nice monograms and Old English letters. ALL ENGRAVING DONE FREE OF CHARGE. Ebony Goods! JEWELERS OPTICIANS JAEGER BROS. STORE OPEN EVENINGS. 133 FIFTH ST NEAR ALDER

PULSE OF BUSINESS BY A. S. MONROE. A store that is attracting a great deal of attention from the women just now is "Le Palais Royal" on Washington street. Mr. Becker, the proprietor, is making arrangements to enlarge the establishment and confine his attention wholly to millinery, ladies' suits, sport waists, etc., and to this end is closing out his entire stock of small notions, such as hosiery, gloves and underwear. The stock carried by this store is of a superior grade and the styles are exclusive. One line of Peter Pan waists in colors and black and white, is particularly attractive. They make exceptionally welcome Christmas gifts for high school girls or young business women. Third street is more than maintaining its record of low prices, the result in a large measure, moderate rents, and combined with this attractive feature is the increasing excellence of stock carried in every department. A trip through the large department store of Roberts Brothers suggested such a variety of possible gifts, that I recommend this course to one perplexed over the subject, rather than to sit at home and wonder just what to buy. Mothers cannot fail to be pleased with any article from the domestic department—napkins, table sets, bureau scarfs,—the most beautiful quality of linen is found in all the shapes and sizes used in a dainty modern home. And then for the girls, just visit the silk department; Silk for evening wear was never made up in more delicately dainty patterns, the pompadour, Japanese, crepe, and a newer fabric that is leading all the others, called Griseyeb, a French crepe effect that is at once elegant, soft and clinging in effect. These silks are also used for scarfs, opera bags, and separate waists. For the men, there are the most comfortable-appearing bath robes made from verman blankets, a splendid assortment of neckwear, suspenders in silk and linen, handkerchiefs—all put up in gift boxes ready for the sender's card. Elegant suit cases for the man who travels are another happy thought. Among the smaller novelties for the many whom it is a pleasure to remember, are the most fetching gift aprons, made of flowered handkerchiefs, and the most quaint designs—just the thing for the young housekeeper. For the young girl, there are the most beautiful gift slippers from the Alfred Dolge company, at a price never before offered in Portland. Merchandise certificates for any desired amount are sold here, so that the tired shopper need not decide in a hurry, and buy something her friends do not really care for. These certificates—formerly confined to gloves, now covering every line of merchandise—are a most practical solution to the problem when one really does not know just what to buy. Fraley's Hattery, on the corner of Third and Salmon, well known to Portland ladies for the past 20 years as headquarters for moderate-priced millinery, is surprising old customers by the very high-grade of goods carried. Mr. Fraley, proprietor, has been buying hats for Portland ladies, in his connection with other large firms, for over a decade; and when he bought out the old Becker place and went into business for himself, he carried his valuable experience with him with the result that this store is fast becoming known for its high grade exclusive styles, at prices that prevailed under the old management. He is able to do this, being out of the high rent district. Mr. Fraley says his success is owing to advertising—issuing the people about his hats; and his plans for the coming season are certainly interesting. At present he has some of the most beautiful evening hats and opera coiffures ever shown in the city. Shell pink and cell blue combined with ostrich feathers and dainty aigrettes are the distinguishing features. He is also having a holiday sale of trimmed dolls' hats that follow the latest styles in group-up millinery, at very moderate prices. These tiny millinery creations entrance the little girls who pass along Third street. Santa Claus Supplied. Old Santa has laid in a goodly supply of membership tickets of the boys' department of the Young Men's Christian association. These will make excellent Christmas presents for boys between the ages of 10 and 16 and no doubt will find their way into the stockings of some happy boys on Christmas morning. Notice. Northern Express company removed to corner Sixth and Alder, opposite Oregonian building. Send your Christmas packages at once. Milwaukie Country Club. Eastern and California races. Take Sellwood and Oregon City cars at First and Alder.

Four Big Offices. ART ROOM. FILING ROOM. EDITORIAL ROOM. ACCOUNTING ROOM. 15 OUTSIDE WINDOWS. 2,400 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR SPACE QUARTERS OCCUPIED BY CHAPMAN-ADAMS CO. 505-5-7-8 Commonwealth Bldg. PORTLAND. 201 Colman Bldg. Seattle.

Christmas Spectacles. Nothing would please the old folks more than a pair of our perfect-fitting Spectacles. After Xmas we will test the eyes of the recipient and fit the proper lenses without extra charge. Solid Gold Spectacles from \$5.00. Oregon Optical Co. 173 Fourth St., T. M. C. A. Bldg.

The Best Dental Work in the World At Cut Prices Until Dec. 15. Good Set of Teeth.....\$4.00 On Rubber Plates.....\$6.00 Gold Crowns, per tooth.....\$3.00 Cement and Silver Fillings, each.....25c Gold and Porcelain Fillings, each.....\$1.00 Extracting free. Teeth cleaned free. Yale Dental Co. 107 1/2 FIRST STREET. Between Morrison and Yamhill. Phone Main 4647. Office Hours 9 to 6 and 6 to 3 p. m.

Great Auction Sale. Of Japanese and Chinese curios, consisting of old Bronze, Silver, Cloisonne, new Brass, Satsuma, fine decorated Tea Sets, Lacquered Ware, Ebony Carved Furniture, Embroidered Screens, Oriental Rugs, etc. Owing to the overcrowded condition of our small store, we are compelled to dispose of our great stock at auction. The public is cordially invited to attend this sale. Unprecedented bargains are certain to be had. SALE AT 2:30 AND 7:30 P. M. DAILY. Andrew Kan & Co. 287 MORRISON ST.

FORBES ENGRAVING CO. GOOD CUTS. CHINESE AND JAPANESE. Holiday art goods, hand-carved furniture and bronzes, silver cloisonne, royal Satsuma, brasses and old bronzes, fine Canton glass, linen embroideries, silk and satin dressing gowns and draps work, etc. Directly imported from Japan and China. CANTON BAZAAR, 90 Sixth St. Mrs. Dr. Mary Kramer. Nice quarters for patients. Work and Root medicine for all blood diseases. Examination free. Telephone East 2842. 221 Broadway Ave. Portland.

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