

Town Topics
Tonight's Amusements
Halls—Alberta Gallatin in "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall."

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SOLONS DO LOBBY WORK IN HOTEL
Haines Men Say Their Candidate Has Twelve Votes Nailed Down Hard and Fast.
SENATOR HODSON HAS SAME NUMBER, HE SAYS

Giving Up Stove—A chance to buy first-class merchandise at one half price of its value. We are positively forcing this sale to clean stock out and rent store and sell fixtures. While it lasts you will purchase \$1 in worth of goods for 50c. Stock consists of men's and youths' suits, overcoats, hats, pants, shirts, underwear, trunks, suit cases, blankets and comforters, 65-65 North Third, corner Davis. The branch store of John Doller.

Squash! Just in time! We unload tomorrow a straight carload of fancy Hubbard and Boston Marrow squash. Order through your grocer. McEwen & Koskey, wholesale fruit and produce, 129 Front street. Phone Main 2173.

The contest over the organization of the legislature is growing strenuous and since Sunday the lobby in the imperial hotel, Mecca of all aspiring politicians, has been crowded by a number of men whose wilder words and more sensational promises tell the business at a glance. E. W. Haines of Washington, Senator Jay Bowerman of Gilliam, "Doc" G. S. Wright of Yamhill, T. B. Kay of Marion, Laughary of Polk, and Wheelon of Wasco, members of the senate, and Frank Davey of Marion and W. L. Vawter of Medford, the two leading candidates for the speakership, were guests of the hotel either during Sunday, yesterday or today.

Articles of incorporation of the Mt. Scott Volunteer Fire department were filed in the office of the county clerk this morning by E. S. Couch, C. F. Clapp and W. E. Willour. Their object is the protection from fire of property on the Mount Scott road. The value of the property now owned by the department is estimated at \$50.

Do you believe in public ownership of railroads? If so, send your name and address on a postal to Rev. Hiram Vrooman, P. O. box 454, Portland, and receive some interesting literature free of charge.

The followers of Senator Haines are making big boasts for their candidate and allege confidently that he has some 12 votes up his sleeve, which have been pledged to him hard and fast. They swear that the time for idle boasting has passed and that they intend to make their statements straight and true in the future, and then they tell off on the fingers of both hands, an added, the names of those who will stand by the Washington county man.

County Judge L. R. Webster will address the fifth annual convention of the Oregon Good Roads association at La Grande tomorrow night. He will speak on the subject, "The Use of Convict Labor on Public Roads." The convention will be in session Wednesday and Thursday. Judge Webster will leave Portland for La Grande tonight.

Do not miss this opportunity—George Jabour & Co., 241 Washington street, great holiday oriental rug and lace sale now on. 25 per cent reductions.

After yesterday's conference the Haines followers said the battle was over. It is asserted by them that the Marion-Linn-Yamhill-Polk county commission in back of the Washington county man to a unit, all report to the contrary notwithstanding. Then eastern Oregon has come in, led by Bowerman, McDonald and Laycock. It is all at which time even more of the solons will be present than gathered at the last meeting. Senator Bowerman has gone to Condon and will see his eastern Oregon colleagues before he returns.

James Campbell was arrested yesterday by a deputy United States marshal on a complaint charging him with having deposited an obscene letter in the mails. He will have a hearing tomorrow before United States Commissioner Sladen.

Barrell Awarded Damages by Jury
Verdict Gives Him Thirty-Six Hundred Dollars From Auto Dispatch Company.
W. C. Barrell was awarded \$3,600 damages for personal injuries from the Oregon Auto Dispatch company by a jury in Judge Cleland's department of the state circuit court last night, after several hours' deliberation. The suit was on trial before Judge Cleland for three days.

Wires That Taft is Very Seriously Ill
District Attorney Manning yesterday received a telegram from Deputy Sheriff Archie Leonard, who went to Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, to bring W. H. Taft back to Oregon. Leonard wired that Taft is dangerously ill with pneumonia, and that it has so far been impossible for him to see the prisoner.

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HOLIDAY RATES
Announced to Coena Beaches.
To enable patrons to visit ocean beaches during the Christmas holidays, the O. R. & N. Co. will on December 21 and 22, and January 1, sell round trip tickets to all North Beach points at a rate of \$2.50. For further information ask at city ticket office, Third and Washington streets, Portland, Oregon.

ZAN RESIDENCE HAS BEEN SOLD
E. S. Jackson has closed a deal for the residence of Mrs. H. M. Zan, on the south side of Kearney street, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets. Consideration, \$15,000. The Zan residence is one of the eight homes in the western part of the city. H. W. Lemcke & Co. are preparing to plat the Waverly-Kearney tract on the east side. The tract will make between 500 and 1,000 lots and will be on sale January 1. To start with these lots will be priced at from \$250 to \$450.

Glove and Merchandise Orders Sold for Any Amount—It's a Quick and Easy Way of Solving the Christmas Gift Problem—On Sale at Glove Department
The Meier & Frank Store
Women's Evening Apparel at Greatly Reduced Prices
Women's High-Class Costumes and Wraps for theatre, reception and dress affairs on sale this week at exceptionally low prices—Imported and domestic models—Beautiful creations for all occasions—Both Costumes and Wraps in grand assortment—An opportunity to buy an appropriate Christmas gift for the wife, sister, mother or sweetheart at a saving every economical person will appreciate—Take advantage.
One beautiful Princess Evening Gown, in light lavender, moire silk, effectively trimmed in Irish crochet lace—\$158.00 value \$78.00
One Canary Liberty Satin Evening Gown, made with deep lace yoke, skirt with deep flounce, magnificent creation—Regular \$98.00 \$160.00 value for
One beautiful White Etamine Gown, lined throughout with white taffeta, elaborately trimmed waist—A regular \$265.00 \$128.00 costume for
One White Satin Gown in Court Design, skirt elaborately trimmed in floral design of silver, waist has deep yoke of real lace—\$98.00 \$175.00 value for
One Dainty Gown of Light Pink Chiffon, both waist and skirt trimmed with garlands of roses, contrasting colors—\$210.00 \$128.00 value for
One Magnificent Evening Gown, for an elderly lady, black lace with chenille dots of green, Princess style, drop of white taffeta—\$235.00 value for \$148.00
Tan Evening Gown of Silk Grenadine, trimmed in chiffon broadcloth, Princess style, bolero of Arabian lace, beautiful creation—\$160.00 value for \$95.00
Magnificent Three-Piece Gown of Champagne Etamine, trimmed with broad bands of chiffon broadcloth, beautifully made and trimmed—Regular \$210.00 value for \$125.00
Parisian Model Coat of Black Silk Velour, three-quarter length, loose back, trimmed in heavy silk lace, white satin-lined—\$98.00 value for \$38.50
One Evening Coat of Tan Broadcloth, genuine mink-trimmed, the greatest value ever offered in a handsome evening coat—Sale price \$68.00
One Light Blue Evening Coat of Broadcloth, made Empire style and elaborately trimmed with Arabian lace—Regular \$85.00 value for \$58.00
One White Broadcloth Coat, tight-fitting and three-quarter length, trimmed in new fringe trimming, beautiful model—\$85.00 value for \$65.00
One Old-Rose Silk Gown, with dainty yoke of allover embroidered batiste, full circular skirt, lined with white taffeta—Great value \$32.50
Lavender Princess Evening Gown of Etamine—\$58.00 value for \$38.00
Other great special values in Evening Gowns and Coats on the Second Floor. Take advantage of this sale.

\$6.00 to \$10.00 Umbrellas On Sale at \$4.95 Each
Special Holiday Sale of Women's High-Grade Umbrellas—100 of them—25-inch, all-silk or mercerized linen covering, tape edge; large assortment of gold, silver and pearl handles. Regular \$6.00 to \$10.00 values on sale at this special low price, each \$4.95
Special lot of 200 Women's 26-inch Umbrellas, colored silk covering, with fancy borders, choice boxwood handles, with silk cord and tassel, full steel frame; great variety to select from. Best \$4.00 values on sale tomorrow at this low price, each \$2.95

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS
Ivanho Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias, will tender a reception to one of its distinguished members, THE HON. JOHN BARRETT at their hall, Eleventh and Alder, this Tuesday evening, December 18. All members of the order are cordially requested to be present. A good time assured to all. By order of the committee. ED H. CURTIS, Chairman.

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WIRE THAT TAFT IS VERY SERIOUSLY ILL
Taft is dangerously ill with pneumonia, and that it has so far been impossible for him to see the prisoner.

AMUSEMENTS
Hellig Theatre
Tonight and Tomorrow Night.
The Talented and Charming Actress, ALBERTA GALLATIN
In the Beautiful Romantic Drama, "DOROTHY VERNON OF MADDON HALL."
Prices—Lower floor, first 10 rows \$1.50, last 6 rows \$1; balcony, first 4 rows \$1, next 5 rows 75c; last 5 rows 50c; gallery, 25c and 50c. Seats selling for engagement at theatre.

WISE DENTISTS BROS
PAINLESS EXTRACTION
50 & PLATTS \$5
No. 195 of the Polish National alliance. The funeral will take place Thursday morning from St. Francis' church.

AMUSEMENTS
The Grand
The Three Halls, Tugs and Danies, Joe Belmont, Beachburg, Chastel, Master Harold Hoff, Grandclothes.
WEIGHT AND HEIGHT
FAIRBANKS BATH ROOM and PHYSICIAN'S SCALE. Popular for home and office. CHRISTMAS GIFTS. BARRABEE, BROWN & CO. 375 and 385 1/2 St.

WE WILL FURNISH THEM BY CHRISTMAS
Any suit, overcoat, dress suit or Tuxedo ordered before Wednesday, December 19, will be furnished by Christmas.

Suits To Your Measure
\$20 to \$40
Trousers To Measure
\$4 to \$10
Tuxedos To Measure
\$35 to \$60

Dress Suits To Measure
\$40 to \$65
Mannish Coats For Women
\$20 to \$40

Bring the children to see the Columbia Theatre which opens December 21. An all-star cast of nine clever little people in the Columbia window December 21.
Columbia Theatre
Elks' Building, Seventh and Stark Sts.

AMUSEMENTS
Baker Theatre
Tonight, All Week, Mattie's Saturday Night.
Beautiful and Comely Production. Under Direction of Mr. John Halpin.
Friday, Friday, 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.25, 2.00.
Tonight, Piano Night—Everyone Has Chances to Draw for Valuable Prizes.
Next Week—"Trilogy."

AMUSEMENTS
STAR THEATRE
Week of December 17. Phone Main 5688.
"THE HERITAGE OF THE RED"
Mattie's Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p. m.; prices 10c and 25c.
Every evening at 6:15; prices 10c, 25c and 50c.