

Town Topics

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PORTLAND BOWLERS WILL BOOST THIS CITY

Commercial Club Will Distribute Rose City Literature to the Denver People.

When the Portland Commercial club's bowling team arrive in Denver for the big tournament that will be held from March 7 to March 14, inclusive, they will go both as crick bowlers and "boosters" from Portland, the Rose City.

Ten thousand dollars have been raised in Denver for the entertainment of the team, and prizes for the winners. Nearly \$5,000 will be devoted to prizes.

The matches will be played in the auditorium, where eight new alleys have been installed. The Portland Bowlers will undoubtedly make a fine showing in the tournament.

SPORTING GOSSIP James Shinn, Portland new left fielder, dropped into this city yesterday and spent the afternoon with Walter McCredie. Shinn says that he will be in fine condition for playing when the season opens.

The Hunt club's paper chase, scheduled for tomorrow afternoon, notice of which was published in yesterday's Journal, will start from Holiday avenue and East Eleventh street at 2:45. Miss Flanders and Frank Robertson will lay the trail.

The recently elected officers of the Seattle Kennel club are: President, Dr. C. W. Sharples; vice-president, John W. Comins; secretary, Charles McAllister; treasurer, Arthur Murphy; trustees, C. B. Yandell, C. J. Alverson and James Hubbard.

The officers will compose the executive board, and with E. M. Palmer, Captain E. A. Swift and Dr. George Newlands, will look after the interests of the annual bench show.

IN CIRCUS WHEN SIX WEEKS OLD And Miller Has Made Money Ever Since—But He Is Still Working.

"I've made enough money in my time to make Rockefeller ashamed of himself and I've spent enough to make Rockefeller ashamed of me." That was the way in which Frank Miller, an aerialist, as he calls himself, introduced himself to City Treasurer Werlein yesterday afternoon.

Miller, who claims the title of professor on account of the aerial stunts he has done during the past 45 years, wanted a license to conduct a show in which he will do tricks on ropes and in little balloons at a distance of 50 feet above the floor.

Miller said he had followed the show business since he was 5 years old. His father was a performer in Howe's great London circus 49 years ago, when Miller was born. Miller said he was told that he did some tricks in the circus when he was 6 weeks old, but his first recollection of his appearance as a performer was when he was 5 years old. He began to make money at once, he said, and he spent it just as fast as he made it.

Meizer fits your eyes for \$1.00. 111 Sixth street, near Washington.

PERSONAL Sydney Fox has been appointed by Governor Toole judge of the newly created thirteenth judicial district of eastern Montana. Mr. Fox is well known in Portland, having read law in the office of Dolph, Bellinger, Mallory and Simon.

Miss Isabelle Cameron, a popular member of the sophomore class of the Portland High school, is recovering from an attack of inflammatory rheumatism, which has confined her to her home at 44 North. Twenty-third street for several weeks.

Exposition Rink Tomorrow. Tomorrow will be the big day of the week at the Exposition rink and those in search of a good time should not fail to attend any one of the three sessions. There's a good time in store for every skater for the rink was never more popular or attractive than now.

DESCRIBES FAMINE IN CHINA

Representative of Firms in the Orient Declares Starvation Period is Not Yet Over.

PUT POOR PEOPLE TO WORK ON THE CANALS Government of Empire Aiding in the Work of Relieving the Suffering, but in an Inadequate Manner, Says W. Edwards.

The terrible famine conditions in China were narrated by W. Edwards at the Portland hotel today. Mr. Edwards arrived in this country from Shanghai last Monday and brought news of the starving Chinese who are arriving from the provinces by the thousands in the cities, where camps have been established to relieve their destitute condition.

Famine Not Over. "Despite the relief work that is being done for the victims, the famine will last for several months more. Conditions are terrible. The Chinese government is aiding in the work, but in a poor way. There is a vast amount of work to be done on the railroads and canals in China and these poor people could be put to work there until conditions are favorable for their return to the provinces."

Oregon Wheat Needed. "That is good. The wheat will be needed. The present conditions will last for several months and thousands of people will die before the end comes. The aid that Portland sends will relieve conditions to a great extent. It is almost impossible to estimate the number of people who have already died because of the famine, but it runs into the thousands. Persons living in civilized countries cannot appreciate the Chinese people or their conditions when they are at their best, but it suffices to say that the standard of living is far below that in this country and that a famine there works hardships that it could never attain here."

Mr. Edwards represents Sneath & Co. of Shanghai and Tienjin, and the China Import & Export Line, a company of China. He will remain in the United States for about six months engaged in business for his firms.

ENDOW THE LEND-A-HAND SOCIETY THEIR AIM Directors Hope to Raise Fifty Thousand as Memorial to Edward Everett Hale.

The approaching birthday of Rev. Edward Everett Hale, who will be 85 years of age on April 2, is to be made the occasion of permanently endowing the Lend-a-Hand society, which is the founder. The directors hope to raise a permanent endowment fund of \$50,000 as a memorial to his venerable founder and president.

The Lend-a-Hand society is unique, a monument to the broad outlook, the prophetic vision, the faith and hope and love to all mankind of the man who gave us the world-wide mottoes: Look forward and not back; Look out and not in; Lend a hand. Within a year after the publication of the serial "Times Ten," which was "Ten," which touched the hearts far and wide, clubs were formed in churches of all denominations. Feeling the need of organization, a central Lend-a-Hand society was formed in Boston, a union of all the clubs in the country. As one puts it, "The associated charities care for the very poor, the many special charities care for their own; the Lend-a-Hand society comes to the relief of those who slip through the meshes of our many organizations."

Among some of the notable activities are the relief of sufferers in Kansas, during a time of drought, the establishment of floating hospitals, the Noon Day Rest in Boston, for the comfort of working women, the establishment of a home for out-patients consumptive, the relief of starving Armenians, and so on, an innumerable list, in answer to emergencies which arise east and west, north and south. "If I never see you again, I die happier for your effort to make my work permanent," said Dr. Hale, when it was proposed to endow the Lend-a-Hand society. And now, on his birthday, it is felt to be fitting that the club which he founded and which has given an impetus to many other organizations should have a permanent endowment. To this end contributions are invited by the Lend-a-Hand society to be sent to Messrs. Kidder, Peabody & Co., Boston, who are the treasurers of the society.

MRS. AMANDA SWAIN DIES AT AGE OF 81 YEARS

Came to Oregon Thirty-Three Years Ago—Leaves Six Children to Mourn Her.

Mrs. Amanda Swain Titus died February 4 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Constable, University Park. Death was due to the ailments incident to old age.

She was a native of Indiana and was born February 17, 1835. In 1849 she was married to Josiah Titus and in the same year moved to Illinois. From there they moved to Kansas and then to Oregon in 1874. They lived in Washington and Linn counties.

Mr. Titus died in 1903. Mrs. Titus was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church for 70 years. She was the mother of the following children, six of whom are living: Mrs. Amanda McKinley of Crawfordville, Oregon; John Titus, deceased; Mrs. Mary E. Cable, deceased; Mrs. Margaret Constable, University Park; Moses S. Titus, Stayton, Oregon; George K. Titus, Lebanon, Oregon; and Marion Titus, Stayton, Oregon. Besides her children she is survived by many grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Interment took place at Brownsville, Oregon.

Mrs. Amanda Swain.

During the past few days nearly a dozen teams have been stuck between the railroad tracks on the west approach to the Madison street bridge, and all on account of the defective roadway. The street at the point named is in a frightful condition. Petitions for its improvement have been made to the council, but they have been defeated by the remonstrance of H. L. Pittock and F. W. Leadbetter, the managing owners of the Morning Oregonian, who own a majority of the building property. Mr. Pittock and Mr. Leadbetter assert that the roadway is a county thoroughfare, but the council and the county court have decided that it is a city street.

Every time a team is stuck in the street a number of cars are held up and hundreds of people are delayed in going to their places of employment and in going to their homes.

ALL THE NEWS

Whatever is worth reading from every corner of the globe is found in The Sunday Journal. To its already unrivaled news-gathering facilities, The Sunday Journal has added another agency for getting the world's happenings, and nothing worth printing is omitted. The Sunday Journal's society page has all the events of interest in the local field; its music, literary, dramatic and art reviews are the best; to its commercial department, producer, buyer, and seller look with full confidence that the statements are accurate; in every department it leads.

In The Sunday Journal

PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS FOR CHILDREN AND TIRED MOTHERS

At the meeting of the educational department of the Woman's club, held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. O. E. M. Jamison, the matter of public playgrounds for children was discussed. Judge Cameron was present and gave suggestions. He urged that the sooner ground is purchased the more reasonably it can be obtained and that there is danger that action will be delayed until the price of suitable lots will be prohibitive. It is his opinion that a large plot of ground centrally located is needed, where boys can indulge in football and baseball.

Records show that wherever this plan has been tried the juvenile court has had its activities materially reduced. Judge Cameron said that Portland is and always has been run on a village basis, that people do not realize the

size of the present population of the city. He cited as an instance of this that with a population of about 150,000 we have 100 policemen, who are expected to cover vast distances on their beats. Some of the members spoke of the necessity for small parks scattered through the city for the convenience of working mothers who might leave their children there in safety. There should be paid assistants and simple devices, as sand piles, for the amusement of young children.

The success of such playgrounds in other cities and the manner of conducting them were discussed. Some of those present thought that there are already a sufficient number of parks, including the park and glass blocks. If these could be utilized and fitted with such apparatus as might be necessary.

PITTOCK WILL NOT IMPROVE AND TEAMS MIRE ON MADISON

"From Maker to Player."

The Celebrated Sohmer piano leaves retailers forever and goes into a Portland wareroom floor of its own. The Reed French Company gathers in a valuable accession. The closing out of the Alder street piano store made a part of the transaction.

Mr. F. E. Stevens, a prominent official in the SOHMER Piano Co., of New York, is in town. His stay here means much to the Portland piano trade. It means the withdrawal of the SOHMER piano and SOHMER-CECILIAN piano player from the hands of retailers and places them on wareroom floors of their own.

These two famous organizations have taken stock in the REED-FRENCH Piano Co.—Sixth and Burnside—and hereafter will be part and parcel of this rapidly growing concern. To bring about this important transfer, however, it was necessary to buy out a retail piano store. The Manufacturers' Company on Alder street, near Park, held the agency for the SOHMER and SOHMER-CECILIAN piano player, but to get this company to release the agency NOW the REED-FRENCH Company had to buy their whole stock (pianos of every description). This meant a considerable investment, but it placed in REED-FRENCH'S hands a celebrated piano—making the REED-FRENCH line of instruments second to none and certainly first in rank of progressiveness in the Northwest. * * * The outside pianos (we mean outside makes), second-hands, rent stock, organs and such like will be sold for what they will bring.

So the SOHMER piano in becoming one of the REED-FRENCH family has helped you possibly to have a good piano. About a hundred pianos will be offered in this closing out sale of the Alder street store (the street number is 350) near Park.

Splendid pianos will go for \$240—six and seven dollars a month. Good, reliable pianos—pianos that retailers will ask four hundred dollars and over for, will be sold for \$200 even, pay five and six dollars a month; and then there's fine second-hand pianos for \$155, pay five dollars a month, and every sale made with the proviso that the instrument must be the greatest bargain you ever heard of in this town, or sale is "no go."

We have part of this stock in each store—Sixth and Burnside and 350 Alder, near Park—select an instrument and we will reserve it for you, but no sale will be closed till Monday; we have to get confirmation of this purchase from our eastern office first. You will find some of us in either store tonight.

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LYRIC THEATRE. WEEK BEGINNING FEBRUARY 4. "Tennessee's Pardner".

EXPOSITION RINK. 19th and Washington Sts. Roller Skating. Tomorrow is the big day of the week. Don't fall to be on hand.

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