

Town Topics

HEILIG THEATRE. The "Empire" Baker... "The Empire" Baker...

THE CENTRAL UNION OF THE W. C. T. U. met Wednesday afternoon for an interesting memorial program to Francis Willard.

THE CITY AND COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY held an annual session in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium last night.

A two story frame building occupied by the Oro Fluo saloon on the first floor and a rooming house on the second at Front and Clay streets, appears about to fall down.

At the new Women of Woodcraft hall, Tenth and Taylor streets, last night a reception was given by the official board of the Women's club to the new members.

Tonight at the People's Forum the free railroad pass will be discussed and Hon. J. D. Stevens will endeavor to throw some light on why the existing clause was omitted from the law which the people voted for three to one at the last election.

The United States civil service commission announces that on March 18 examination will be held in Astoria for the position of examiner of general merchandise, from which to make certification to fill a vacancy in the Portland, Oregon custom-house, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum.

Low Chung, a Chinaman arrested yesterday and who was fighting for his liberty, succeeded in having his hearing before United States Commissioner Sinden this morning postponed until March 1.

Penny Bros. Friday specials, our \$1.50 grade of Port, Sherry, Tokay, Madeira and Reising Wine at \$1.00 per gallon. Our \$2.50 grade of Ohio Catawba Wine at \$2.00 per gallon.

The Woodstock Push club will hold a meeting tonight and the annual election of officers will take place. Several matters of importance will be discussed, including the organization of a volunteer fire department and annexation to the city.

The public is invited to enjoy the Washington's birthday celebration at the White Temple Friday night. There will be a brief patriotic address, old-time music and a number of unique features of entertainment. Admission is free.

Rev. G. A. Blair, pastor of the Vernon Presbyterian church, East Twentieth and Wygant streets, is conducting revival meetings in his church each evening at 7:30 p. m. and will continue for two weeks. There is good music.

"The Desirability of the Union of All Christians," tonight, "The Possibility of the Union of All Christians" tomorrow night, First Christian church, Park and Columbia. Free lectures by Rev. E. W. Darst.

Dr. W. B. Hamilton has returned from Europe and will be in his office, 371 1/2 Russell street, at usual hours.

Acme C. Co. sells the best safety coal oil and fine gasoline. Phone East 743.

A social will be given by the ladies Aid Society of Portland Norwegian Ev.

SERVICE AND SAFETY

We offer the most complete banking service and provide absolute safety for your funds. We want all your banking business, and whether your account be large or small, we will extend every consistent banking accommodation and will protect your interests with the same care and fidelity that we apply to our own.

We pay 4 per cent interest on savings accounts and the interest is figured twice each year and added to your principal.

THE CITIZENS BANK

FAREWELL TO THE RAILROAD PASS

Now the legislature's "once it" and it ought to be abolished. Of compelling citizens to walk—s in blind and...

The millstone must pay his fare, heaves the hired girl. And with the festive tramp affords his lip to curl. And scornfully ejaculates, "It doesn't make a bit of difference, I'll ride despite the edict of the state."

EACH SALOON TO PAY \$800

Council Raises License to Head Off Higher Fee Proposed by Initiative One Hundred.

PERMITS TO BE MUCH MORE VALUABLE. Liquor Dealers Do Not Like Provision for One Saloon to Every Five Hundred Inhabitants, Which Is to Be Eventual Basis.

Without the least bit of discussion, the Gray liquor ordinance was rushed to the final passage at the meeting of the council yesterday afternoon.

The provision of the ordinance that is objected to by the Retail Liquor Dealers' association is the gradual reduction of the number of saloons in the city through the expiration of leases until the ratio is one to every 500 inhabitants.

No liquor dealers appeared to oppose the ordinance. It was inferred that the ordinance was satisfactory to them, as they expect that it will head off the \$1,000 license which the Initiative One Hundred intends to prepare for a vote by the people in June.

The measure of the One Hundred provides that there shall be only one entrance to a saloon; that no women be allowed inside, and that the windows be placed so low that every drinker may be seen from the street.

Question Breweries' License. The Shepherd ordinance, increasing the license of druggists and grocers who deal in whiskey and of brewers was taken up and was referred to the liquor license committee.

Under the Gray ordinance the revenue derived by the city from the liquor tax will, if all of the 423 saloons continue in operation, be increased \$54,500 a quarter, or \$218,000 a year. It is not believed by the license officers that more than 200 of the liquor dealers will remain in business after the first quarter, if the ordinance should be adopted by the people.

Luth. Church Saturday evening, February 23, at 45 North Fourteenth street. Good program. Admission 25c.

Hotel Houston, new brick, high class, elegantly furnished; call bells, hot and cold water and steam heat in every room. Sixth and Davis. Tel. Main 3453.

Steamer James Harkins, for Camas, Washouli and way landings, daily except Sunday. Leaves Washington street dock 2 p. m.

Woman's Exchange, 123 Tenth street, lunch 11:30 to 2; business men's lunch, 12:30 to 2.

E. W. Moore, expert photographer, Eika's building, Seventh and Stark Sts.

Jacobs Shirt Co. will move about March 1 to 291 1/2 Stark street.

Why pay more? Metzger fits your eyes for \$1. 111 Sixth street.

Preferred Stock Canned Goods. Allen & Lewis' Best Brand.

BUYS EAST SIDE PROPERTY

Mount Hood Railway Acquiring Choice Locations in Several Localities.

TAKING UP TRACTS ALONG PROPOSED LINE. Seth Riggs, Who Has Just Sold Valuable Corner for Terminal Purposes, Buys Neighboring Property for Fifty-Five Thousand.

Representatives of the Mount Hood Railway company have recently taken over a large amount of Central East Side property, most of it fronting Stark street between East Water and East Seventh streets.

Among the larger pieces purchased by the agents of the railway company, is the block bounded by Grand and Union avenues and East Stark and East Oak streets. They have also secured the half block on the south side of East Stark, between East Third street and Union avenue, and the half block on the north side of Stark, between Third street and Union avenue.

The negotiations are in progress for the acquisition of additional Stark street frontage, nearer the river in the vicinity of East Water and First streets.

Agents of the company are now operating in the vicinity of North Mount Taber picking up small tracts along the proposed right-of-way of the line. In the vicinity of Montavilla, and as far as Gresham and Fairview, a large amount of money has been invested in acreage tracts by the representatives of the company.

The southwest corner of First and Burnside streets was purchased yesterday by Seth Riggs for \$55,000. The lot has a frontage of 90 feet on First street and 35 feet on Burnside, and belonged to Lowenstein. It was bought by Menefee sold the property assisted by Goldsmith & Company.

LOSE MONEY IN PORTLAND. Dire Predicament of Eastern Man Who Was Unable to Find a Location. The scarcity of vacant stores in the retail district never was better exemplified than in the case of E. V. Delmont of Lincoln, Nebraska, who has been in this city for the past six weeks seeking a location to open a men's and women's furnishing store.

In spite of the vast number of buildings going in at the present time and the large number of stores in them, Mr. Delmont has been unable to rent one in a suitable location, and the predicament he finds himself in is truly a most remarkable one, as when leaving Lincoln he not only took with him a large stock of goods, but he also shipped his stock direct to this city, where it has been in storage for some weeks past.

SUFFERS BROKEN RIB IN SILENCE. Victim of Houfton Accident Refused to Be Treated at a Hospital.

Mrs. Fred G. Wonder of 447 Alder street was so seriously injured in the wreck of the Astoria & Columbia River train on the Northern Pacific track near Houfton Sunday that she is in a very critical condition.

Mrs. Wonder was not aware of the extent of her injuries at the time of the accident, and, having a particular abhorrence of hospitals, she tried to conceal her injuries. She came to Portland in the baggage-car, and finally reached home after a very trying ordeal and in a fainting condition.

FORCE SMELLING COMMITTEE TO REPORT. By an almost unanimous vote of the council yesterday afternoon, the committee which has been investigating the books of the city auditor was ordered to report at the next meeting.

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The motion was carried. The next regular meeting of the council will be on March 5.

Our Great 2-Day Specials

All items in this ad will be found exactly as advertised. We have no unsalable goods to offer at any price, hence you are always sure of getting merchandise of the reliable sort here. The following special bargains will be on sale Friday and Saturday only at prices quoted. Can you afford to miss these great money-saving chances?

\$2.50 and \$3.00 New Spring Waists at \$1.59 Each. Fifty dozen of the celebrated "Queen" Waists on sale Friday and Saturday at about half regular value.

UMBRELLAS For Less. Women's 26-inch Umbrellas—With steel frame and rod, cover of waterproof Italian serge. A fine selection of handles and a standard \$1.50 quality. On sale for two days at, 97c choice.

KID GLOVES \$1.00 a Pair. A fresh shipment of the New Gloves arrived yesterday. Come in all the popular spring shades, including black, white, gray, mode, navy and brown.

1500 Yards New Figured Organdies At 7 1/2c a Yard. Friday and Saturday only at this price. Come full 29 inches wide, light and dark grounds, with floral, dots and figured designs.

Children's Nazareth Knit Waists at 12c Each. For a great Friday and Saturday special we offer 30 dozen Nazareth Knit Waists for Children, in size 2 to 12 years, at this extraordinarily low price.

WOMEN'S SAMPLE SUITS AND COATS AT M'N'F'S COST. Portland Agents for Thomson's Corsets. PROMPT DELIVERY TO ALL PARTS OF THE CITY.

MADAME HOMER WORE PAJAMAS. Plight of Grand Opera Star When Earthquake Left Her Destitute in Bay City.

standing there watching the sun rise in his golden glory, an automobile drew up in front of the house and a lady, attired in a man's overcoat, with a suspicion of pajamas peeping out beneath, stepped from the car followed by her husband, who was closely wrapped in a bath robe.

Q. H. Mendell of San Francisco told today of the great improvements going on in the Bay City and also told of the predicament in which Madame Louise Homer, the great grand opera star of the Herr Conrad firmament, found herself on the morning of the great disaster overlooking San Francisco.

August Benson Tailoring. Sixth and Washington sts., Raleigh Bldg., Room 25.

RADICALS SUCCESSFUL IN RUSSIAN ELECTION. St. Petersburg, Feb. 21.—The election yesterday resulted in a victory for the Radicals, who have elected 150 members to parliament, as against 100 for the Constitutional Democrats and 50 for the Moderates.

W. H. MARKELL & CO. 121-123 GRAND AVENUE. Advance Arrivals of Men's Spring Suits.

A splendid assortment of the very newest styles and patterns. All splendidly made, with non-breakable shape-retaining front in coat and all perfect fitting garments.

Prices—\$10, \$12.50, \$13.50, \$15, \$16.50 and \$20.00. Nobby Spring Styles in Dress Goods.

The choicest new patterns and shades of Spring Dress Goods in a very liberal assortment. PRICE RANGE 49c, 60c, 85c, 95c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

HEILIG THEATRE. "THE EMPIRE". "THE CINGALEE". "A COUNTRY GIRL".

Seat Sale Tomorrow. Augustus Daily Musical Company. From Daly's Theatre, London and New York.

Baker Theatre. "THE STAR". "WIFE FAMILIAR". "THE FAST MAIL".

Empire Theatre. "THE WIFE FAMILIAR". "THE FAST MAIL".

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LYRIC THEATRE. "HOOP OF GOLD".

Ladies' Night. Oaks Skating Rink. USUAL PRICES. Admission Free. Skates 25c to All.

Colonial Masquerade. SIX ELEGANT PRIZES. (In Woodard & Clarke's Window).

THIS MASQUERADE OUR GREATEST EFFORT—SOMETHING BIG. Two Sessions Friday Night: First, for Skaters, 7 to 10.

HOTEL EATON. COR. MORRISON AND WEST PARK STS. NEW. Randomly furnished, elegantly equipped.