

VAUDEVILLE IN COUNCIL HALL

City's Representatives in Mayor's Absence Like School Boys Without Teacher.

SHEPHERD IN CHAIR IS HUMORIST-IN-CHIEF

Masters, Belding, Sharkey and Preston Try to Prevent Payment of Bill of Men Who Expended Books of the City.

Fun and more of it came up at the council meeting yesterday afternoon when George Shepherd took charge of the chair in the absence of Mayor Lane. All the councilmen, in the language of the day, blew hot smoke. The puffing was kept up for three hours and 15 minutes, and when the stop-watch ticked the final second the council found that it had done nothing but to amuse the lobbyists and spectators in the gallery.

It had reached just two ordinances out of nearly 40, and it had looked into about one third of its other business. But conscience is a troublesome quality of the mind, and after the council had vaudeville'd all afternoon it decided to hold a meeting and do business to-day.

Masters in the Way.
The entertainment yesterday started with the report of the ways and means committee recommended the payment of \$1,487 to Clark & Buchanan, who had been engaged by Mayor Lane to expert the books of City Auditor Devlin. Gray asked for the adoption of the report. Masters, seconded by Belding, moved that the bill be not paid. "I'd like to say a word about this," said Walls.

"Sit down," said President Shepherd. "You're out of order. You ought to know better than to speak before you are spoken to."
"To the honorable mayor," read City Auditor Devlin from the report. "Ha," chuckled Shepherd, who is a candidate for the office.

"Try up and give me a chance," said Walls, who had arisen again from his seat and poled his 235 pounds of weight upon the ball of his right foot. "I don't know if I have any right to talk here or not," he added.

"You're in order this time," said the president.
Wills' Little Contribution.
"Well," said the powerful Wills, "if you will promise not to throw me out I'll say something. We should not pay these experts more than \$1,000. We have to pay them if the mayor hires them."

"Can the mayor bind the city for the payment of the services of people he may engage?" asked Masters.
"No," said City Attorney McNary.
"Can a man who is employed at the rate of \$1 a day be put upon the \$4 list?" asked Belding.

"A man working for the city at \$2 a day might earn \$10 a day for the city," said McNary.
"These people," responded Belding, "are charging 150 times what their report is worth. That is why I asked whether a man could be employed at \$1 a day and \$4 charged for his services. I would not give \$50 for their whole report."

"We shall have to pay the bill just the same," said Bennett.
"That is right," said McNary. "The mayor is the judge of the reasonableness of the claims, and the city is bound to pay for the services of a man except in case of fraud."
Shepherd As a Coax.
The Mayor's motion was put to a vote and lost, only Belding, Masters, Preston and Sharkey voting against it. Masters then called for the original motion to adopt the ways and means committee's report.

"There's no original motion," answered the humorist, Shepherd. "Then what the thunder was this amendment tacked onto?" inquired Bennett.
"I'll look into it," replied Shepherd. "Yes, there was an original motion. I had forgotten about it. I thought you boys would follow the old custom of making amendments first and then proposing the original motion afterward."
The original motion was put and was carried by a vote of 10 to 2. Belding, Masters, Preston, Rughlight and Sharkey voted against it.

STAND FIRM ON PLANKS OR GET OFF PLATFORM

Prospective Candidates on Labor Ticket Must Assure Committee of Their Intentions.
Nominations for Portland's public offices will close, as far as the labor party is concerned, next Wednesday night. Candidates who have not passed muster with the central committee by that time need not call around.

The central committee met last night and received a large number of names of persons seeking the endorsement of the new political body. About half of the names were those of union members; the other half were those of men of various parties who believe that the support of the new organization will boost them along toward political honors and emoluments. A considerable number of letters were read, and many of them were read, and many of them were read, and many of them were read.

Prospective candidates said nice things about organized labor, but many of them forgot to promise to abide by the platform of the labor party. A committee will call upon these to try to find out their real sentiments. If they do not promise flatly to stand squarely upon the labor platform their names will be dropped. After today applications which do not carry with them this promise will not be considered at all.

Do You Think For Yourself?

Or do you open your mouth like a young bird and gulp down whatever food or medicine may be offered you?

There is an intelligent thinking woman, in need of relief from weakness, nervousness, pain and suffering, then it means much to you that there is one tried and true home medicine of known composition, sold by druggists for the cure of woman's ills.

The makers of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, for the cure of weak, nervous, run-down, over-worked, debilitated, pain-racked women, knowing this medicine to be made up of ingredients, every one of which has the strongest possible endorsement of the leading and standard authorities of the several schools of practice, are perfectly willing, and in fact, are only too glad to print, as they do, the formula, or list of ingredients, of which it is composed, in plain English, on every bottle-wrapper.

The formula of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will bear the most critical examination of medical experts, for it contains no alcohol, narcotics, harmful, or habit-forming drugs, and no agent enters into it that is not highly recommended by the most advanced and leading medical teachers and authorities of their several schools of practice. These authorities recommend the ingredients of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for the cure of exactly the same ailments for which this world-famed medicine is advised.

No other medicine for woman's ills has any such professional endorsement as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has received, in the unqualified recommendation of each of its several ingredients by scores of leading medical men of all the schools of practice. Is such an endorsement not worthy of your consideration?

A booklet of ingredients, with numerous authoritative professional endorsements by the leading medical authorities of this country, will be mailed free to any one sending name and address with request for same. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

AT THE THEATRES

Roselle Knott at Hellig Tonight.
The charming actress, Roselle Knott, supported by an excellent company of players, will begin an engagement at the Hellig theatre, Fourteenth and Washington streets, to-night at 8:15 o'clock, continuing Friday, Saturday nights, with a special-price matinee Saturday afternoon, in J. M. Barrie's beautiful comedy-drama, "Alice-Sit-by-the-Fire." Seats now selling.

Remember Baker Play.
"Shannon of the Sixth" will be long remembered by the theatre-goers of Portland after its name has vanished from the billboards. This sterling Irish drama has made a singular impression upon the people who have seen it at the Baker this week. Matinee Saturday. It has proved itself a play worth going to see.

Good Play Next Week.
Provision has been made by the Baker management for a production next week that will put the standard of the plays demanded by the patrons of the house—and then some. "A Man of the World" will open Sunday afternoon, and will contain all the elements of a success, an unusual place for a play, and the makers of the Baker company are expected to appear in particular advantage.

Take in the Empire.
"The King of Tramps" continues its triumph at the Empire. It certainly is a laugh-maker, as the kind of the popular morning street theatre. This play will make it a banner week for the Empire. The stage settings are particularly fine, and the breezy atmosphere throughout is something refreshing.

Real Treat at Empire.
A positive treat is promised Empire patrons next Sunday afternoon when "A Cowboy's Girl" opens at the popular morning street theatre. This play will make it a banner week for the Empire. The stage settings are particularly fine, and the breezy atmosphere throughout is something refreshing.

Star's Play Popular.
"Deserted at the Altar" is drawing crowds to the Grand in the popular morning street theatre. The Allen stock company is at home in the vehicle and all the comedians and comedienne in the company have full latitude for their talents. Forrest Seabury and Yerna Fulton keep the laughter bubbling and Taylor Bennett is the villain so naturally that once he has him at every performance. There will be matinee Saturday and Sunday. Seats are now selling for the remaining performances.

Those Merry Manikins.
See the merry manikins at the Grand this week. They are operated by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Deaves and this is the greatest set of its kind on the stage. The children will enjoy the manikins as much as they did Colin's dogs. The rest of the vaudeville entertainment at the Grand is also of a very high order. There are singers, dancers, comedians and other specialty artists, each striving to amuse you. These performances are given daily at the Grand.

Good Show at Lyric.
There are large audiences at the Lyric this week, where the bill is "Miles of Smiles." The famous drama of Russian life and adventure. The play is exceptionally well cast and the stage effects are startling. There will be a children's matinee on Saturday and two performances Saturday and Sunday nights, the first commencing at 7:15 o'clock. Seats are now selling.

What Women Will Do.
Next week, beginning Monday matinee, the Lyric theatre stock company will open in the society drama, "What Women Will Do." The play has strong scenes and beautiful stage pictures. All the favorites will be seen in the cast. Best seats open Sunday.

Preferred Stock Canned Goods.
Allen & Lewis' Best Brand.
Cold Kills Politeness.
The town council of Chiradin, in Bohemia, is so solicitous for the welfare of the citizens that it has asked them not to take off their hats to ladies during the continuance of the cold weather. The town is covered with notices pointing out the danger of this courteous but dangerous practice, and requesting all adult males to confine themselves to a drawing-room or a military salute until the spring has melted the snows, and must "cap" their masters still.

All who avail themselves of the council's hint and benefit thereby are asked in the notice to subscribe a shilling a year to the new founding home.



BARGAIN FRIDAY SENSATION OFFERS AT THE GREAT REBUILDING SALE

Every counter—every aisle—alive with bargains—Most tremendous of all store-crowding specials

5000 Brass Extension Curtain Rods
With brass knob ends; always sold at 10c; while they last, choice, and not over 5 to a customer **4c** each



100 Dozen Ladies' Best 20c Black Hose
Full regular made, with double soles, heels and toes, extra 6 inch ribbed tops; best 20c value. Choice **12c** per Dozen

EMPTYING THE GREAT CLOAK ROOM

Making Room for the Builders—Now Another Terrific Price Drop
The most exquisite, most elegant and modish of Easter Suits at one third, yes, at even one half off. Room must be made—there's no help for it, and tomorrow you choose from hundreds of



WOMEN'S \$25 TO \$35 TAILORED SUITS—CHOICE \$14.95
It's an offer that eclipses any of the year. Think of it. Only \$14.95 for Women's \$25.00 to \$35.00 suits and every one of them is a real sensation at this price. Over 200 of the finest Tailor made Suits at this price; suits made for the swiftest Easter trade. Nobby Etons, Ponys, Prince Chaps, Cutaway and other styles, made of handsome broadcloths, chevrons, panamas, etc., in plain colors and black, as well as elegant and distinctive mixtures, checks, hairlines and fancy novelty effects in the richest of color combinations. Jackets cut in the newest fashions, elegantly trimmed with straps, braiding, buttons, etc., plaited skirts; jackets silk and satin lined. Not a suit in the lot worth less than \$25.00 and up to \$35.00. All in one lot. Pick the best. Choose a \$35.00 suit if you want. All go now at \$14.95 for the best

Choice of 50 Women's Latest Style \$25.00 Silk Jumper Suits 14.50
All colors, handsome lace trimmings and fancy tuckings. The same identical Suits that others ask \$25.00 for. Choice

Clean Sweep of All Our Ladies' \$10 New Spring Jackets 5.98
In handsome checks and stripes, velvet collars, braid and button trimmed. All \$10.00 and up to \$12.00 values. Choice

Ladies' Black Silk Dress Skirts \$12.49
In the latest styles, pleated and tucked and trimmed with fancy silk braid; worth up to \$22.50....

The Big Sale of Silk Waists \$2.98
Still continues; worth \$7.50 up to \$10.00. All go at choice, \$3.98 and

New Fancy Plaid Silk Petticoats \$5.98
The prettiest of this season's styles, all colors; Petticoats we bought to sell at \$10.00. Choice

ANOTHER ONE OF OUR GREAT BELT SALES

19c BELTS WORTH TO \$1.00—CHOICE 19c
Our Belt sales are already famous, and justly so, but this is one of the best. Think of thousands of the finest of Women's Belts worth up to \$1.00 at 19c for choice. All manufacturers' samples. That's why there's so many hundreds of kinds and styles. Silk Belts in every imaginable effect, plain, plaited, shirred, tailor-made, etc., black and all colors. Sterling, gilt, jewel set, carved and fancy buckles, and in every case the buckle alone is worth more than the price we sell the belt for all complete. Belts here for all Portland. Belts worth 50c and up to \$1.00. All go at the one price. Pick the best, choose the finest, there's no reserve.

A Friday Clean-Up of Handkerchiefs

Odds and Ends 4c ea
Worth to 25c.....
Odds and ends, seconds and soiled lots, all lumped together for a record-breaking sale. Swiss embroidered, hemstitched and fancy effects. Just about 800 in all and those that come quickest get them. All in one lot and worth up to 25c. Choice

10c Laces 3c Yard

ANOTHER FRIDAY SENSATION
Thousands of yards of 8c and 10c Laces to go at 3c a yard. Importer's entire surplus stock—Over 50,000 yards of this one lot alone.
NORMANDY LACES—Up to 3c 4 inches wide
All the newest designs and the best of grades; worth 8c, 9c and 10c. All bunched for a great Friday sensation at, choice

Great 7c Sale of Ladies' Vests

All New Goods 7c ea
Cheap at 15c.....
Just an even hundred dozen in all and at this price every one should go tomorrow. Fine white Jersey ribbed Vests, low neck and sleeveless, ribbon taped and all the best 15c Vests at less than half price. Choice

A Ribbon Excitement

15c
10,000 yards 25c and 35c Ribbons at 15c a yard. The finest of all pure silk taffetas in plaid and Roman stripe effects and fancy Dressings; 3 to 6 inches wide, elegant colorings, finest of quality. Positive 25c and 35c grades. All in one lot. Choice

Mill Ends 75c and \$1.00 Silks

29c
Half a counter full to go and all 75c and \$1.00 grades—Taffetas, Foulards, Peau de Soies, etc., in a good line of colors. All mill ends and good long lengths. Pick out the best of 75c and \$1.00 silks while they last at one-third and one-fourth price. Choice

8c @ 10c Embroid'ry SILKS 1c
All kinds, all colors, large big 8c and 10c skeins, for
MILL ENDS WHITE INDIA LINON 10c
Worth 15c; per yard.....

A Sale That Will Bring the Crowds From Miles Around \$2 FANCY APPLIQUE PIECES 45c
Did You Ever Hear of a Greater Bargain—45c for \$2 Pieces
Ten thousand pieces of the finest and fanciest of applique and spachtel Scarfs, Shams and Stand Covers to go in this sensation sale, and it's a sensation sure enough, an offering that would bring thousands if folks only knew what a bargain these are. The handsomest of imported applique pieces, beautiful open-work designs and others heavily embroidered. Large full sizes. The importer's entire stock and all \$1.00 and \$2.00 values. Choice

60c Crepe de Chine SILKS 39c
Reds, pinks, nile and navy; best 60c grade; yard

50 Pieces Wide 34 and 36 Inch 35c Dress Goods
In fancy mixed effects and plain colors. All new spring goods and cheap at 35c; yard

10c FOR FINEST MILL ENDS WHITE GOODS
All new goods in corded effects for waists and dresses. All good lengths, 30 inches wide and same as sold off the bolt at 25c, yard, 10c.

Another Big Lot of Odd Lace Curtains
In various styles, all large sizes; Curtains worth up to \$3.00 pair. All go at each, Curtain, 89c and 69c

Linens and Domestics
500 odd Napkins, worth up to \$1.25 dozen, go at, each 4c
18x34-inch Huck Towels, very absorbent, heavy weight and cheap at 15c. Special 7c
36-inch white Curtain Net, best 35c grade, yard 19c
Odd lots 50c Table Damask, yard to, yard 19c

50c & 75c Corset Cover Embroidery 39c Yd.
Another new lot of one hundred pieces, all full 18 inches wide, in the newest designs. Splendid quality cloth. Embroideries we know and you'll acknowledge are the best 75c values you've ever seen. Choice, yard..... 39c

Bedding and Linens
All Feather Pillows, large 25-lb. size, fancy ticking; worth \$1.00, for 69c
10 pieces wide 60-inch Table Damask, finest 90c and \$1.00 quality; yard 62c
500 white cotton Blankets, soft fleeced; while they last, each 29c

Pictorial Review Patterns Are Best Price 10c and 15c

FRIDAY GROCERY BARGAINS
5c bar Fairy Soap 4c
Washing Powder 17c
10c Macaroni, lb. 7c
20c Dried Peaches, lb. 15c
5c small white Beans, lb. 5c
50c can Apples 15c
All 50c Coffee, lb. 13c
10c Arm & Hammer Soda 5c
10c Pkg. Corn Starch 5c
10c Lima Beans, lb. 6c
50c can Pure Lard 65c
40c Black Pepper, pound 25c
Reg. 15c pkg. E. O. Fresh. Soft Wheat 8c
Large 15c bottle pure Glace Vinegar 10c
Best Milled Oats, 7 lb. for 25c
15c can Shrimps 10c

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A Solid Carload of the Finest Haviland China Dinnerware
At Less Than the Commonest China Usually Costs
A solid carload, over 50,000 pieces, at a price that will enable every woman in Portland to buy the finest and most useful of all China Dinner Ware at one fourth, one fifth and even one tenth price. Sunday's big ad tells you all about it, and the sale begins next Monday.