

Town Topics

TOWN'S AMUSEMENTS

Hellig... "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" Baker... "The Judge and the Jury" Empire... "A Stranger in Town" Grand... "The Gamblers" Lyric... "The Best of Us" Star

The Butte Boys Consolidated Mining company has received a fresh bunch of ore from its shaft being sunk on its property at Goldfield, an assay from which was made on Saturday by the Garvin Cyanide Extraction company...

E. A. Niblin, a farmer on the section line road, on which the McCorkle Mount Hood road is attempting to secure a franchise, has started a petition among the farmers asking that that road be widened from 60 to 70 feet.

Signor Lucchese's concert, this evening, at Women's Woodcraft hall, corner Tenth and Taylor streets, at 8 o'clock. Tickets may be purchased at Sherman & Clay, Graves music store, Eilers & Co., Olds, Wortman & King, Woodward, Clarke & Co., Lippman, Wolfe & Co., Rowe & Martin stores, Portland hotel pharmacy and at the door of the women of Woodcraft hall, this evening. General admission \$1.

A movement is under way at Sellwood to erect a joint building for the uses of the Y. M. C. A., the branch library and the Sellwood board of trade. A mass meeting will be held for that purpose this week and the feasibility of the plan further discussed. The Sellwood branch library has proved to be a great success, the only fault being that the library cannot handle enough books to accommodate its patrons.

The special meetings being held by H. A. Easton of Chicago at the Tabernacle Central Christian church, East Tenth and East Madison streets, are proving successful. The meetings began yesterday and will be held each morning and evening at 10:30 and 7:30 o'clock. A chorus of 40 voices is directed by Mr. Easton.

A. F. Miller of Sellwood has been commissioned by the county court to prepare an exhibit for Multnomah county at the state fair and has already taken up his work. He has visited a number of farmers in the county and talked to them regarding the agricultural exhibits besides distributing seeds.

The United East Side club will hold its regular monthly meeting tomorrow night at East Third and East Morrison streets. The pending amendments and initiative measures will be discussed by the club tomorrow evening. A large attendance is asked.

Dr. William House, formerly resident physician Crystal Springs sanitarium, has taken office in the Oregonian building, suite 813-814. Diseases of the brain and nervous system. Phone Pacific 2191.

The Portland Woman's club will hold its annual election next Friday afternoon at its rooms in the Woodcraft hall on Tenth and Taylor streets. The meeting will begin promptly at 2 o'clock and is open to members only.

Ringier gymnasium classes now open. Join now and save \$2 initiation fee. New East Side Athletic club, Grand avenue and East Morrison street. Phone East 5670. Inspection invited.

The Winona Mills Seamless Hosiery Agency has moved from 311 Commercial block to suite 610-11-12 Buchanan bldg., 288 Washington street. Phone Main 4855.

Steamer Jess Harding, for Chama, Washougal and way landings, daily except Sunday. Leaves Washington street dock 2 p. m.

For wire and iron fences for cemeteries or lawns, phone East 792. Columbia Wire and Iron works.

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

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CHIN SING IS HAPPY AT LAST SECOND SUIT ON COQUILLE RIVER Owners of the Santa Ana Follow the O. R. & N. in Filing Suit on Steam Schooner.

Judge Wolverton Says He May Retain His Residence in This Country.

FOUGHT POLICEMAN AND IMMIGRATION OFFICER Struggled Against Arm of the Law for Sixteen Blocks and Has to Appeal His Case in Order to Secure His Liberty.

Chin Sing, the valiant little Chinaman who put up such a terrific fight against an immigration officer and a city policeman several weeks ago, won out in the federal court today, when Judge Charles E. Wolverton ordered him discharged from custody.

Chin arrived in Portland from Oakland one day only to find himself in the hands of the immigration officer, charged with being unlawfully in this country. Chin protested, in fact he absolutely refused to be reconciled to his new condition as outlined by the official. Never in all of China's history did a native son resist the dictums of the law as energetically as Chin. For 16 long, hard-paved blocks did Chin struggle against the strong arm of the law. Finally he had to give up the unequal battle because he found himself in the courtroom under the stern eye of the judge.

But Chin had lost none of his anger. A frown as dark as a summer's storm cloud spread over his features and stayed there. Chin argued vainly for his release from the United States commissioner's court. He was ordered to appeal. All that was left to him was an appeal. And appeal Chin did.

He was entitled to remain in this country, he claimed, and would like to see anybody put him out. He secured the aid of the medium of the federal court attaches, who came to his aid and brought the case before Judge Wolverton.

After many arguments on the part of counsel, Judge Wolverton took the case under advisement and rendered his decision today. And today for the first time in several weeks, Chin is wearing a happy, moon-faced celestial smile that won't come off.

Although Chin was fortunate in securing his release, two of his fellow countrymen will have to return to the land of the poppy and sunflower. Gum Lun May and Yuen Yee Sun were unable to prove to the court's mind that they were entitled to remain in this country and he ordered them deported.

METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY IS TO MEET The semi-annual meeting of the Columbia River branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church will be held at Taylor street church tomorrow (Tuesday) beginning at 10 a. m. and continuing throughout the day with no evening session. Mrs. A. N. Fisher, corresponding secretary, has returned from a winter spent in California and will be in attendance, as will also the president, Mrs. M. C. Wire of Eugene; the treasurer, Miss Nettie Whitney of Tacoma, and the superintendent of young people's work, Mrs. E. E. Upmeyer of Harriaburg. Consideration of important business and the semi-annual reports of officers will be supplemented by an attractive program including special music.

for an entertainment to be given next Friday night, April 12, in the Oddfellows' hall, at Montavilla for the benefit of the reading room at that place. Mrs. Walter Reed is on the program. Miss Marguerite Edgart will give a reading and the Cunningham quartet will render selections. There are also a number of other attractive numbers.

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HELP MEN TO GET ON FEET

Prisoners' Aid Society Gives Released Convicts a Start in the World.

PENITENTIARY AGAIN IF NO ONE HELPS Society Apparently Forces an Offender to Stay in the Criminal Class for Life if Left to His Own Devices.

By Ben Selling in the Spectator. I wonder how much thought the average person has ever given to the subject of what duty the state owes to its convicts and their future, and particularly to those who have just been released from the penitentiary.

Let this be a very grave matter, and one that ought to receive the earnest attention of every citizen. What should be done for the ex-convict, in order to put him on his feet, free him from the stigma of his disgrace, and place him in a position where he can become an honest and law-abiding citizen is a question to which I have given considerable time and thought.

As a result, I have come to the firm conclusion that when a man is sentenced to a two-year term in the state prison, his is practically a life sentence. From the time he is released he is so hounded and persecuted by the police of the larger cities that he is unable to obtain the necessities of life and the rest of his life becomes merely a period of confinement in the penitentiary broken only by short interludes.

Now this sounds very harsh, and it is pretty harsh, but I am sure that statistics and the records of the penitentiaries themselves will bear out the truth of the assertion.

Wounded After Release. The situation, as has been demonstrated time and again, is something like this: A man is tried, convicted and sentenced to say two years. That is so long that all his plans for the future go for nothing. By the time he has been in prison two years he has lost his individuality and self-respect, and is only a part of a gang. When the day of his release comes he is given a pittance in money, a cheap suit of clothes and the score to a salaried institution, and told to go. But where?

That is the convict's great problem. Where can he go? What can he do? The clothes are usually of the cheapest sort, and without any change, he is given perhaps \$5 in coin. If he decides to come to Portland, there is \$2 that goes on railroad fare and he is thrown on his own resources with just \$3. This is not enough to get up before he can obtain work. And when he gets here, what chance has the man?

The police are probably on the lookout for him. He is told to "move on" from there to Texas. When he writes to his family he tries to get work, his past record stares him in the face. "A convict? No, we can't employ you." So it goes. He goes here and there, driven from pillar to post, till new conditions are presented when he is finally driven to crime again. Under the circumstances, what would the reader do? It isn't a very nice thing to contemplate.

When Given a Show. Then, in a short time, as a matter of course, back the man comes to the penitentiary, starting the second installment of his life term. That is what it amounts to in cold reality. He is driven to it by society, and becomes a social outcast. He has had no chance, certainly if this man committed a crime, he should be punished for it, but when that punishment amounts to a life sentence it is too severe.

There is a better way. That is to give him a chance. When he leaves prison he should not be made to feel that the hand of every man is against him. I have had occasion to give employment to several men when they could get it nowhere else, and I know whereof I speak. One instance stands out particularly.

Several years ago a young man who had just served a sentence for forgery was released, with no prospects, and unable to obtain work because of his past. Finally he secured a position at \$4 a week, but at a time when living expenses were \$6. Where was the other dollar going to come from? I gave him employment. The first week he got \$5, the second \$7, and from this he rose to a position of considerable trust. Later he went to California, did well, and from there to Texas. When he wrote to me last he was married and happy. He had had his chance.

Governor Chamberlain did a great thing for the country when he refused to make public the names of those he intended to pardon, to keep the police from following them. Moreover, the governor has abolished the system of giving the police the picture of every convict when he leaves the penitentiary, and his release is no longer heralded over the country. The governor has also materially bettered the lot of the prisoners in the penitentiary itself, making their behavior and self-respect an object. Two other splendid things along the line of giving the convicts a chance are the indeterminate sentence, whereby he can be released for good behavior, and the parole system. By that a man under certain conditions is paroled, the parole becoming void if he violates any of the conditions.

It was to be just such service in helping the convict to help himself that the Prisoners' Aid Society of Oregon was established in 1905, with the following officers: William F. Woodward, president; Selling, vice-president; Millie R. Trumbull, secretary and treasurer, and J. D. Lee, E. R. Pague, Judge A. E. Sears Jr., Rev. E. P. Murphy, Alexander Kerr, H. W. Hogue, Rev. W. S. Elliot, Jr., Dr. J. R. Wilson, M. Goodman, Judge A. J. Brewer and Mrs. A. E. Rockey, directors, and E. W. St. Pierre, D. D., of Salem, superintendent.

When a man leaves prison the society takes that he has sufficient clothing, for the cheap suits are inadequate; he is given an extra suit of underwear; if he wants to go to another city, transportation is furnished. For those who prefer to remain efforts are made to get good positions. In short, the man gets his chance.

In the three years of its organization the society has raised \$2,400, but to carry on the work properly about \$2,000 a year is needed. Last year no less than 141 men were given assistance when they left the prison gates. Results are the best proofs of the success of the plan to give a man a chance.

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