Town Topics

TONIGHT'S AMUSEMENTS.

Heilig.....“The Butterfly”
Baker.....“The Cowboy and the Lady”
Empire.....“She Dared Do Right”
Grand.....Vaudeville
Lyric.....“Brown's in Town”
Star.....“The Silver King”

“See Switzerland, but see America first,” was the advice given to a large audience at the Y. M. C. A. men's meeting yesterday afternoon by J. A. Dummett, a member of the Mazamas club, who delivered a lecture illustrated by stereopticon views of Switzerland mountain scenery. Mr. Dummett declared that Oregon, Washington and Alaska possess scenery as beautiful as any to be found anywhere in Europe. Secretary Stone announced that the plans of the men's meetings had been changed, and that groups of not more than 20 would go out into the open air for Bible study.

Trustees of the Portland chamber of commerce have authorized the president to appoint a permanent arbitration committee, to handle matters in controversy between Portland shippers and foreign buyers, at any time such differences may arise. It is provided that any member of the committee shall be eligible to act as an umpire.

At St. Mary's Cathedral last night Father T. E. Sherman, the son of General Sherman, who led his army through Georgia to the sea in the civil war, delivered a sermon on “The Existence of God.” Next Wednesday Father Sherman will speak on “What is the Human Soul?” and next Sunday will take “Who is Christ?” as his subject.

The University Park Congregational church was dedicated yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large audience. The edifice was recently completed at a cost of $2,590, all of which has been paid. Rev. D. B. Gray is the pastor in charge and has developed it to its present strong organization. Dedicatory services were held at 3 o'clock.

Observation Car Daily Trips—Rose City sightseeing cars leave Second and Morrison streets at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., taking in the best scenic beauties. Take in Council Crest, the greatest panoramic ride in America. Stopovers on Crest and Forestry building. Competent lecturer accompanying car and tells story of trip. Time of trip, 2½ hours; fare, 50 cents.

John C. Shillock, Herman Schneider and George L. Baker, appraisers of the estate of C. W. Havill filed a report in the county court this morning showing that the property of the estate consists in cash in the bank amounting to $8,529.

Ornamental trees and shrubs, Japan maples, azaleas, rhododendrons and kalmias, bay trees intubs for porch and veranda decorations. Large stock just arrived from Belgium. J. B. Pilkington, nurseryman, foot of Yamhill, north side.

Call Steel Bridge Fuel company, phone East 424, for choice No. 1 fir cordwood, dry or green slabwood. Prompt delivery, both sides river. Office and docks foot of Randolph street.

George Rubenstein, reliable optician, makes no charge for scientific eye examination. Small charge for proper lenses, if needed. 183 Fourth street, near Yamhill.

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

Why pay more? Metzger fits your eyes for $1. 342 Wash. St., cor. 7th, formerly at 111 Sixth street.

Try Washington lump coal, price $7.50 per ton. It is clean and good. Ask your dealers for it.

For Sale—A few second hand incubators; good as new. 321 East Morrison, corner First street.

Dr. M. Monte Bettman, dentist, has returned. Office 403-4-5 Swetland building.

Dr. G. F. Koehler, removed to 403-4-5 Swetland bldg. Diseases of stomach.

Acme Oil Co. sells the best safety coal oil and fine gasoline. Phone East 789.

Eastman kodaks and supplies. I. Leeser Cohen, 111 6th, the Kodak store.

Dr. William Cavanaugh, dentist, has moved his office to 603-4 Buchanan bldg.

Woman's Exchange, 133 Tenth street, lunch 11:30 to 2; business men's lunch.

D. Chambers, optician, 129 Seventh.

Berger—Signs—284 Yamhill—Phone.

Kiser scenic photos. Imperial hotel.

“My child was burned terribly about the face, neck and chest. I applied Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. The pain ceased and the child sank into a restful sleep.” —Mrs. Nancy M. Hanson, Hamburg, N. Y.

RESUME WORK ON STONE PIER

Government Engineers Will Extend Columbia River Jetty This Summer.

IMPROVEMENTS ALSO AT COQUILLE RIVER

Contractors Invited to Bid on Work and Bids Will Be Opened at 11 O'Clock on June 5—To Extend the Jetty Seaward.

Work under the new appropriation was commenced on the Columbia river jetty this morning. Stone is being bought in the open market until a contract has been entered into and the Columbia Construction company will begin making deliveries at once. The storms of last winter and this spring did considerable damage to the jetty trestle, but nevertheless a great stretch of the jetty is expected to be built this summer.

Much other improvement work will be begun by the government engineers soon for the benefit of navigation in this district. General specifications for the improvement of Coquille river, for instance, were issued this morning and bids will be invited shortly for the prosecution of this work. According to the specifications, sealed proposals for lumber and pile trestles and rock work will be received at the U. S. engineer's office in the custom house building until 11 a. m., June 5, and then publicly opened. No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a guarantee, which should be in the manner and form as directed. The work to be done is at the mouth of the Coquille river, at Bandon, Coos county. It consists principally of the extension of the north jetty seaward an approximate distance of 255 feet.

APRIL TRANSACTIONS

Collector of Customs Issues Monthly Summary Statement.

The collector of customs this morning issued his summary for April showing the following transactions:

Entries of merchandise for duty	152
Entries of merchandise free of duty	27
Entries for warehouse	7
Entries for export to adjacent British provinces	1
Entries for rewarehouse	46
Entries from warehouse for consumption	41
Entries for immediate transportation without appraisement	44
Total number of entries of merchandise	276
Entries for consumption liquidated	152
Entries for warehouse liquidated	5
Value of exports—domestic	$880,997
RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES.	
Duties on imports	$124,486.12
Duties on imports—Philippine islands	225.00
Fines, penalties and forfeitures	44.25
Miscellaneous customs receipts	511.00
Storage, labor and cartage	84.85
Official fees	58.30
Total	$125,186.77

April was one of the most profitable months in point of customs revenues in the history of the port, but the collections were not the heaviest.

WILL BRING COAL

American Iron Bark Is Loading at Newcastle, New South Wales.

The American bark Willscott will begin loading coal at Newcastle, N. S. W., in a few days for Astoria. Her charter for that business has just been announced and it is also reported that she will probably go out with lumber for a California port. This makes five coal laden windjammers heading for Portland, all from the Australian port.

The Willscott was built in 1896 and hence is not one of the old school of American windjammers. She was launched from the ways in Port Glasgow and originally flew the British flag. Later she was transferred to the Hawaiian Islands and with the annexation obtained permission to float the stars and stripes. She always sailed under her present name, despite her changes of nationality. San Francisco is her home port.

Another vessel, the American schooner Expansion, was chartered this morning to load lumber here, or on the Columbia river. She has just started north from San Pedro.

DEATH OF A. M. JOHNSON

Pioneer Sailmaker Victim of Pleurisy and Pneumonia.

A. M. Johnson of 756 East Oak street, a pioneer sailmaker of this city and manager and proprietor of the Portland Tent & Awning company, died yesterday at the North Pacific sanitarium after three weeks' illness with pleurisy and pneumonia. He was aged 61 years.

Deceased came to Portland about a quarter of a century ago as first officer on a sailing vessel. He subsequently engaged in the shipchandler business at Astoria for some time, but later removed to Portland and opened a sail loft at Second and Ankeny. He leaves a widow and several grown children.

Mr. Johnson's intimate friends say that he was a person of considerable literary ability, although he seldom produced anything for the public print. They say that he has written volumes upon volumes of poetry and prose, but refrained from publicity. He was born in Bergen, Norway.

LINE TO THE OAKS

Launches Will Leave Yamhill Street Dock for Resort.

Captain John Larson has obtained landing privileges for his launch line to the Oaks this summer, at the foot of Yamhill street, and is now getting the wharf into shape for what is believed will be a very busy season. The launch line will be started with the opening of the amusement resort up the river and a fleet of speedy launches will be operated on a ten-minute schedule.

Captain Larson operated the White Flyer last season, but the flag boat of the fleet this year will be his new catamaran, the Oaks Flyer. This boat has just been completed and she will be equipped especially for the light excursion traffic. She is very spacious and her machinery is capable of sending her along at the rate of about ten miles an hour. The launch service this year will be as nearly perfect as possible, declares Mr. Larson, who will have control.

LILLIAN RUSSELL

Beautiful American Actress Who Begins Engagement at Heilig Tonight in the Comedy, “The Butterfly.”

ALONG THE WATERFRONT

The steamer Alliance, Captain Olson, arrived yesterday morning from Coos Bay bringing a full cargo and a fair list of passengers.

The Harriman liner Columbia, Captain Doran, sailed for San Francisco this morning. The North Pacific Steamship company's steamer Roanoke, Captain Dunham, is due to arrive here tomorrow.

The steamer J. N. Teal will probably not be ready for launching from the ways at Supple's shipyard before next Saturday. It was intended to have the launching come off tomorrow or Wednesday, but today it was discovered that this could not possibly be done.

The steam schooner Johan Poulsen is loading lumber at Knappton. She will leave up this evening for Portland to finish her cargo. The British steamer Tottenham, Captain Mann, will leave Astoria this evening for Vancouver, Washington, to take on lumber. The cargo will be completed at the Inman-Poulsen company's mills.

On her way south this trip the steamer Alliance will carry a number of large boilers for new factories on Coos Bay. The Alliance is now maintaining a weekly schedule between Portland and Coos.

The steamer F. A. Kilburn is due to arrive at Oak street dock tomorrow night from San Francisco and way ports.

Ross, Higgins & Co. of Astoria have secured the contract to furnish provisions for the lighthouse department for the year. Bids were opened some time ago and the figures forwarded to Washington. Captain P. J. Werlich, inspector, received notice this morning of the acceptance of the bids on provisions.

The Willamette Pulp & Paper company will build three scows at Sellwood soon. They are to be used in hauling material to and from the company's plant at Oregon City.

The oriental liner Nicomedia will not arrive here until tomorrow or Wednesday. She left Yokohama April 22.

MARINE NOTES

Astoria, May 6.—Sailed at 7:35 a. m., German steamer Aragonia, for Hongkong and way ports.

San Francisco, May 6. — Arrived, steamer Coquille River, from Portland.

Redondo, May 6.—Arrived yesterday, barkentine Chehalis, from Columbia river.

Astoria, May 5.—Arrived down at 6:30 a. m., German steamer Aragonia. Left up at 5 a. m., schooner Polaris. Sailed at 6:30 a. m., French bark Michelet, for United Kingdom, for orders. Arrived at 7:35 a. m., steamer Johan Poulsen, from San Francisco. Sailed at 7:45 a. m., Norwegian steamer Terje Viken, for Port Pirie, via Tacoma. Sailed at 7 a. m., steamer Argyll, for Port Harford. Sailed at 3 p. m., British ship Dimsdale, for Newcastle, Australia.

San Francisco, May 5. — Sailed, barge Washington, in tow of tug Samson, for Columbia river. Arrived, steamer Nome City, from Portland.

Falmouth, May 6.—Arrived May 4, French bark La Perouse and British bark Robert Duncan, from Portland.

Astoria, May 6.—Condition of the bar at 8 a. m., smooth; wind southwest; weather clear.

Tides at Astoria today—High water: 8:07 a. m., 7.3 feet; 9:23 p. m., 7.7 feet. Low water: 2:28 a. m., 3.0 feet; 2:50 p. m., 0.7 feet.

A Dallas hen's egg weighed 4¼ ounces. Many unusually large eggs are laid in that town, says the Chronicle.