Town Topics

TONIGHT'S AMUSEMENTS

Marquam Grand—Child actors in Institute club benefit.....
......"The House That Jack Built"
Grand ..... Vaudeville
Baker ..... "Oliver Twist"
Lyric..... "A Fair Rebel"
Star..... "The Life That Kills"
The Oaks.....
....O. W. P. carline, First and Alder

Gresham is to have an independent celebration on the Fourth which will be full of inetrest. Included in the program is a procession headed by the fife and drum corps of the G. A. R. and having as a feature a liberty car with a Goddess of Liberty and 48 young ladies. Literary exercises will be held with a rousing chorus made up of singers from Troutdale, Fairview, Gresham and Pleasant Home. There will be an address by the mayor, J. H. Short; reading of the Declaration of Independence, by Miss Maud Cleveland; solo, by James Preston, and an oration by Waldemar Seton. A baseball game will be played between Shattuck's Blues and the West Ends of Portland. There will be horse races, tug of war and other features, closing with a grand ball.

Twenty members of the Portland Commercial club who have a $10 balance on the ledger of their affection for Charles Warren Fairbanks, self-confessed aspirant for the presidency of these United States, can have the pleasure of spending that amount and eating dinner with the distinguished vice-president at Seaside July 17. The Astoria chamber of commerce in arranging for the entertainment of the guest of honor found that, owing to limited accommodations at Seaside, it would be necessary to limit the number of guests at the dinner. Accordingly the Commercial club was allowed 20 representatives. The list is now open and any 20 members of the organization can attend the dinner by the payment of the necessary $10.

Any time that A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of the Great Northern and formerly holding a similar position with the Harriman lines in Portland, wishes to come to Portland he can have the whole Commercial club building at his disposal. This action was taken by the board of governors at a meeting held yesterday afternoon when a letter was sent to Mr. Craig thanking him for the work he has done for Portland by distributing Portland and Oregon advertising matter throughout the lines under his direction. Mr. Crang was formerly one of the most active members of the Portland organization and has carried his activity and interest with him, even when moving to another state.

The managers of the excursion made by the business men of Omaha, which gathering was entertained in Portland during the recent past, has decided to provide a permanent record of its trip by collecting copies of all the newspapers printed along the route of the excursion which mentioned the party either before, during or after the visit. A request has been made of all the publications along the line of the excursion for copies of the papers containing the notices and comments desired.

Carlton, Oregon, will have a grand celebration on July 4. There will be a log rolling contest, sports of all kinds, horse racing and automobiling races, a balloon ascension, etc. In the evening there will be dancing and a grand display of fireworks. Carlton is now enjoying a good boom owing to the completion of the Carlton Lumber company's sawmill, one of the largest on the coast. Train leaves Portland at 7 a. m., returning late in the evening.

When the trial of Henry Agre on the charge of failing to support his wife, Laura Agre, was called by Judge Webster in the county court this morning, it was discovered that Mrs. Agre had failed to appear to give testimony against her husband, and the trial was postponed until Friday. Mrs. Agre lodged a complaint against her husband last week, alleging that he had failed to provide for her and their three children, Ellis, aged 5 years; Truman, aged 3 years, and Leon, aged 7 months.

At a meeting of the East Side Improvement association held last week officers for the following term were elected as follows: President, George B. Frank; vice-president, George E. Crump, and secretary and treasurer, George Race. The association adopted resolutions commending the Sellwood Improvement club for its attitude concerning the plumbing trust and pledged its support and cooperation in any manner possible.

The United States civil service commission announces an examination on August 12, 1907, to secure eligibles from which to make certification to fill vacancies as they may occur in the immigration service in the positions of immigrant inspector and Chinese inspector, at $1,200 per annum, entrance salary. Men only will be admitted to this examination.

The park board yesterday confirmed the music committee's selection of A. De Caprio as band manager for open-air concerts to be given in City park during July and August. The leader will receive $10 per concert and 30 of the players will be paid the union scale of $4 a concert. Two soloists will be engaged at $6 and $5, respectively, each performance.

Suit for divorce from Edwin Person was filed in the circuit court this morning by Mrs. Anna Person, who charges that Person has become an habitual drunkard since their marriage. The couple were married at Brooklyn, New York, in April, 1894, and have five children, all under the age of 11 years. Mrs. Person asks that she be allowed the custody of the children.

The State Medical association will hold its twenty-third annual meeting at Seaside, July 12 and 13. A clam bake and smoker will be added attractions. Papers will be read by eminent physicians of this state and by visiting medicos from Seattle and Tacoma. Discussion will follow the papers. An interesting program has been arranged.

A horse belonging to B. Volff, a First street plumber, ran away with its buggy yesterday afternoon, running from First and Market to First and Columbia before it was stopped. There it ran into Friedman Brothers' Packing company's house. Aside from damage to the buggy there was no serious result, though the horse just missed a woman at the latter corner.

Special service for Vancouver for the evening of July 4. Portland Railway, Light & Power company's cars will leave Second and Washington streets as follows: 8:15, 8:50, 9:25, 10:00, 10:35, 11:10, 11:45 p. m. Ferry will leave Vancouver to connect with cars for Portland 8:35, 9:10, 9:45, 10:20, 10:55, 11:30 p. m., 12:05 a. m.

"Nothing will be done with regard to appointments of city engineer and chief of police until the executive board meets next Friday," said Mayor Lane this morning. "The matter should be fully discussed with the board before appointments are made and until then I don't care to say anything about possible candidates for the positions."

Ira O. Shattuck this morning filed suit in the circuit court to foreclose a mortgage for $2,150 given by J. D. McGowan on two lots at Cherry and Crosby streets. John Souder is made a defendant in the suit, it being alleged that McGowan sold the mortgaged property to him after the mortgage was drawn.

Fireworks and Firecrackers.—We are the only store to carry full lines and biggest stock for the Fourth of July celebration in Chinatown, at lowest prices. Come and buy now and avoid the rush. Bow Yuen & Co., 129 Second street, near Washington, next to Title Guarantee & Trust company.

The first spinal meningitis death to occur in July was that of James Boning, 30 years old, who had been ill at St. Vincent's hospital for the past month. A hard fight was made by the physicians to save Boning's life, but medical skill was of no avail and he passed away yesterday.

Water through hose for sprinkling yards or sidewalks or washing porches or windows must be paid for in advance and used only between the hours of 5 and 8 a. m., and 5 and 9 p. m. It must not be used for sprinkling streets. If used contrary to these rules, or wastefully, it will be shut off.

Mrs. Mary A. E. Stone, mother of H. W. Stone, secretary of the local Y. M. C. A., died at the residence of her son, 195 Eleventh street, last night. Mrs. Stone had made Portland her home for the past 11 years and had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances here.

Ed Hamilton and Edith Cameron pleaded guilty this morning to charges placed against them by officers in municipal court. Hamilton was given three months on the rockpile and the woman informed that her presence in Portland was no longer desired.

At the meeting of the Universal New Thought assembly tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at A. O. U. W. hall, Washington, between Tenth and West Park streets, Sister Avabania will speak to women upon "The Hindoo System of Treating the Skin."

Mayor Lane will speak at the Young Women's Christian Association tomorrow at 12:30 for 15 minutes on the subject, "Young Women and Civil Interests." All young women will be welcome.

Excursion July 4, steamer Charles R. Spencer, round trip. Leaves foot of Washington street at 7 o'clock. Ball game, all kinds of races. Camas and Stevenson play for $50 purse. Music, St. Johns band.

Burlesquers Wanted.—Night of July 3, in costume or otherwise. For particulars see program in today's paper. Special prizes offered by 4th of July committee, Chamber of Commerce bldg.

Fourth of July Excursion—Steamer "Undine" on July 4 will carry an excursion from Portland to Multnomah Falls and return. For particulars see tomorrow's paper.

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Tonight at the information bureau, East Morrison and East Third street, the East Side Improvement association will hear an address by J. T. Flynn on "Concrete and Public Docks."

It takes 5 minutes to boil "Golden Grain Granules," the cereal coffee. It is stronger and richer than any other. Dan Kellaher, grocer, Portland, Oregon.

We have a lot of second-hand single and double express harness, thoroughly overhauled, at very low prices. Keller Harness Co., 49 North Sixth street.

Drs. Darr and Quigley removed to rooms 414-415-416 Swetland building. Phone Main 2401, Home A-2401. Residence phone Main 1298.

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

Excursion rates on steamer Telegraph to Astoria and way points July 2, 3, and 4. Good returning 5 and 6. Single fare round trip.

Allen's Kushion Komfort Shoe—ease the feet in a satisfactory way. "For all seasons." 405 Morrison street.

Horse races at Irvington track, July 4, 2 p. m. Admission, including grandstand, 50c.

Annual picnic at Columbia university grounds July 4, for benefit of Holy Cross church.

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

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

Fishing pole or box of candy with each pair of children's shoes at Rosenthal's.

Perfect fitting eye glasses, $1.00. Dr. B. J. Mills, 111 Sixth, near Washington.

E. W. Moore, expert photographer, Elks' building, Seventh and Stark sts.

Harness races! Running races! Irvington track, July 4, 2 p. m.

For ice call Main 234. Ice Delivery Co., 351 Stark.

Horse races! Horse races! Irvington track, July 4, 2 p. m.

Dr. E. C. Brown, Eye-Ear. Marquam.

Oregonian Confectionery, 131 Sixth.

D. Chambers, optician, 129 Seventh.

Berger—signs—284 Yamhill—phone.

Bark Tonic for rheumatism.

Beck—jeweler—205 Alder.

Kiser. Scenic photos. Imperial hotel.

PERSONAL

C. J. Millis, general manager of the Coos bay properties of the Harriman system, will leave for his new post of duty on Monday next, making the trip to Marshfield on the initial run of the Breakwater. The steamship will reach Portland Thursday from San Francisco and will leave for her new schedule on Monday. A regular trip will be thereafter made each week. Mr. Millis will reside in Marshfield permanently, though his family will not leave Portland for several months as yet.

ONLY NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS

Water Board Funds Will Not Permit Outlined Policy Owing to Reductions.

Only such extensions as are absolutely necessary will be made by the water board this year, the fact developing at a special meeting yesterday that the funds appropriated were not sufficient to carry on the improvements outlined the first of the year. Reduction of water rentals is responsible to a degree for curtailment of proposed extensions recommended by the board.

R. B. Lamson, a member of the board, advocates transferring about $20,000 from the hydrant fund to be devoted to laying mains in various portions of the city and the board will take the matter up at the next meeting.

Construction fo the Portland Heights reservoir and pumping station at a cost of about $11,000 will probably be deferred until next summer, regardless of the fact that the material has already been ordered and will soon be delivered. The board members present at the meeting yesterday feel that the money which would go into the Portland Heights improvement might better be applied to extending the mains elsewhere. If this policy is adopted the pipe and pump will be stored until next summer.

The Portland Y. M. C. A., represented by Secretary H. W. Stone, yesterday asked for a reduction of its water rate upon the completion of its new home. He argued that other municipalities gave reduced rates to Christian societies, pointing out a number of instances where no charges were made. He stated that if the present prices were charged the association the water rent would be prohibitive in the new structure, and as a matter of relief the Y. M. C. A. would be compelled to sink an artesian well. Action will be taken on the request at the next meeting.

NEAT PIN ADOPTED BY ENDEAVORERS

After Careful Deliberation Oregon Delegates to International Convention Secure Emblem.

After much deliberation and careful consideration, the state executive committee of the Christian Endeavor society adopted a design for a state badge. It is made of solid silver, gray finish, and is a very neat design of Mount Hood in basrelief upon a shield, with the "C. E." monogram pendent. It is prepared at this particular time in order that delegates to the international convention at Seattle next week may have the badge then. It is a very neat pin suitable for any occasion.

The following Oregon state song, written by Robert Whitaker, will be sung:

In the name of Jesus, our Savior King,
Happy words of greeting and love we bring,
While we gladly gather to speak and sing
In the praise of our King today.

Chorus:
Oregon! Oregon!
Greets you now in Jesus' name,
Showers of blessings we pray on you all today
Who the praise of our King proclaim.

In the name of Jesus we'll work and wait;
We will labor early and labor late,
Till from end to end of our noble state
He is King whom we sing today.
Chorus.

In the name of Jesus we bid you on,
For the time for service will soon be gone;
Let us never rest till the world is won
To the King of our hearts today.
Chorus.

SECRETARY GARFIELD AS HONOR GUEST

Arrangements Completed by Commercial Club to Entertain Government Party Next Week.

Secretary of the Interior James A. Garfield will arrive in Portland early Saturday, July 13, and while here will be entertained by the Commercial club with a reception and dinner in the evening. Definite arrangements for Secetary Garfield's entertainment have been completed by the club. The early part of the day upon which Secretary Garfield will reach Portland will be taken up with the business of the reclamation service which has called the secretary to the state and city. That business finished Secretary Garfield will be the guest of Dr. H. W. Coe for luncheon after which he will be taken for a ride through the city.

At 7:30 in the evening a reception will be given the guest at the Commercial club parlors, after which he will be the guest of honor at a dinner at 8 p. m.

BROOKLYN POSTOFFICE OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The new postoffice established at Brooklyn was opened yesterday for the first time at 561 Milwaukie avenue, near Brooklyn street. The office was recently consolidated with the one at Sellwood and removed to Brooklyn, much against the wishes of many patrons. Postmaster Minto, however, after careful study of the conditions in which he was joined by several of the postoffice authorities decided that the change would result benefically to both places.

Superintendent J. E. Wilson is in charge and J. H. Butler is his assistant. Six carriers are employed at the new station and one more will be added in a month. The district covered by the station extends south from Division street to the city limits and from the Willamette river to East Fiftieth street. A place for the sale of stamps and money orders will be maintained at Sellwood.

LARGE COMMITTEE WILL MEET DELEGATES

A reception commitee composed of 100 members will be named at a meeting of the Christian Endeavor societies this week to look after delegates passing through Portland enroute to the international convention which meets in Seattle July 10. The purpose is to entertain those delegates who stop over in Portland, show them about the city and supply them with literature furnished by the Commercial club and other organizations.

It is estimated that 25,000 delegates will attend the Seattle gathering, of which number probably 5,000 will stop off in Portland.

RIVER TRIPS FOR JULY 4

To Magoon's Park and Oregon City.

Boats leave Main street dock 7:30, 11:30 a. m., 1:30, 3:30, 4:30 p. m.. Last trips back 5:30 and 6:30 p. m. Round trip 45c. Tickets exchanged with O. W. P. & Ry. Co.

Latest News of the Cash Prize Contest

EVERY MAIL LOADED

From every city and town in the northwest the letters are pouring in! A large office force is constantly busy opening, sorting and ranking business phrases submitted. Almost all have the firm name correct, and the contest becomes one of merit as to business phrases. A list of the best ones constantly grows longer from additions made with each delivery. Prizes will be awarded tonight—watch tomorrow's papers for further announcements.

These letters furnish a splendid illustration of the oft-repeated declaration regarding the versatility of our people. Possibly not one out of each thousand contestants ever wrote an ad in his life, and yet the great volume of the work measures up to a splendid average in originality and terseness. We are proud of the advertising brains of the northwest, and we shall in future write our ads in fear and trembling, knowing that a clever, thoughtful audience is ever before us.

"You've Tried the Rest. Now Try the Best."
A prominent Portland firm that does very clever advertising submitted this. It is certainly strong and catchy. How does it strike you?

"Skookum"
Is submitted being the Indian name for everything good; it is expressive and terse, but would have to be explained to the hordes of easterners filling up the northwest.

"Read and Be Frenchy"
Is a clever play on the firm name; a number of other apt variations in the way of punning were called forth. We appreciate their wit, but from a business standpoint they are not exactly the best thing.

"Your Playmate."
Another semi-pun phrase that has its good points.

"We Play to Win."
A catchy phrase, but too suggestive of the green cloth, perhaps.

"We Make Money by Giving You Your Money's Worth."
This is the right idea, but it is rather long for repeated use.

"None Undersell—None Excel."
This is terse, to the point, and for an alliterative style, pleases.

"Everybody Plays But Father."
This man evidently has it in for his dad; perhaps they have a player piano at home, and "dad" hasn't gotten around to conquering it yet. The letter's from the county jail.

"Peaches for Dinner."
Hard to see the connection there till you're told that "Reed-French Pianos" transposed spell those enticing words. This may seem to you far- fetched, but it's no more wonderful a transformation than that made in homes into which our pianos go.

"Anti-Divorce Piano Company."
The writer of this phrase is evidently an observer. He's noticed the harmony in homes that possess good pianos, and he connects the causes. That's all right. If anything will prevent divorce and promote the soothing atmosphere conducive to peace, surely one of our splendid pianos will do so.

"Do U Need a Pi-ano?"
A little 10-year-old girl suggests this phrase, as being the pronounciation common to old-fashioned country folks, and therefore too well known and apt to attract attention. She explains very reasonably that her slogan is "better than Uneeda biscuit, because it isn't a biscuit at all, but a cracker." She says she wants a piano, and bless her little heart, we'll help her get one.

**"What will cheer the young or old? What will cheer the sick or well?
What is better far than gold? Reed-French Pianos; that will tell."**
An 11-year-old girl writes this little verse as her offering. It is certainly well done.

"Reed-French Piano Co. Credit to the People. Credit to the Pianos—That's All."
This brings to mind almost too vividly the brand of whiskey made famous by the latter part of it.

"While You Play, Pay."
Very good; terse; tells something.

"We Always Tote Fair."
The letter accompanying this phrase set the office force to laughing till the head had to call order. Wish we could publish it.

"The Joy Bringers."
Pretty, suggestive and appropriate.

"The House That Truth Built."
A very expressive phrase, suggested no doubt by the children's play now on in the city.

"A Living Is Ours, the Profit Yours."
Don't you like that pretty well?

"In to Win."
Crisp and breezy.

"There Was Room at the Top and We Got There."
Some way, there's a lot of vigor to that phrase. We like it.

"There's Harmony in the Case."
Very applicable to pianos—also the home containing a Reed-French Piano.

"The Store That Makes Things Hum!"
The writer of this evidently knows us pretty well.

"We're Both Upright and Square."
Another good pun on piano house words. A number turned to this phase of the subject.

"Wide-awake for Your Sake."
Lots of life and vim to that.

"Do You Reed-French Piano Co.'s Ads?"
Just think! A little 11-year-old girl wrote that, and spent a great deal of time on it because she wants to get the $100 prize so she can take violin lessons. Bless her, she's got to have violin lessons, some way or other.

"Makers of Music Makers"
Is a very attractive phrase, that expresses a great deal.

"Home Builders in Mother's Wake."
The writer of this evidently knows that music in a home is next to mother.

We'd like to invite you all in to read the many interesting letters and catchy phrases, each one reflecting thought and appreciation of what is best, but we couldn't very well, so we've let you dip in at random and get an idea of the way the contest is going. We thank you for your interest.

REED-FRENCH PIANO CO.