

Town Topics

TONIGHT'S AMUSEMENTS.

Heilig, George Hamlin, American tenor Marquand, "Quincy Adams Sawyer," Baker, "The Three Musketeers," Empire, "A Girl of the Streets," Grand, "The Three Musketeers," Lyric, "Caught in the Web," Star, "From Farm to Factory."

Unkind feeling between neighbors and a barbed-wire fence between their properties led to the filing of a suit for \$10,000 damages in the circuit court yesterday. The plaintiff is Hattie Dorn, who lives on the east side of Third street, near Jefferson. She charges that L. O. Ralston, the defendant, placed a barbed-wire fence across the exit to her property, and when she removed the obstruction one night last July that he cursed her and tangled her in the wire. She was compelled to call in a doctor to treat her injuries, she says, and is unable to continue her work in a downtown store as a clerk. The doctor and medicine cost her \$50 and \$100.00. She demanded that the alleged permanent injury caused by prostration and fright over the threats of her neighbor.

Assigning abusive treatment, high temper and jealous disposition as reasons for being unable to live longer with her husband, Mrs. Della Tieser has begun suit for divorce against D. L. Tieser. If her wish is granted, a married life of 18 years will be closed, they having been married in Texas in 1889. Their only child is 17 years old. The wife says that while intoxicated her husband has frequently struck her and called her vile names. She fears that he will attempt to kill her if she leaves him. She is now in the hands of a lawyer for filing the suit for divorce, and asks the court to protect her by a restraining order. The husband is a carpenter.

Reports indicate that shoppers are showing much partiality to oriental rugs for Christmas remembrances. There is every reason why such articles of household adornment should be held in high esteem, because of their beauty and lasting qualities. It seems that the shoppers are aware that an oriental rug will last a lifetime, and be much appreciated by the recipient. Our big sacrifice sale is still on and will continue for the balance of this week. We must raise a large amount of cash before January 1 to meet our obligations. Attyah Brothers, 294 Washington, at Tenth.

The following named officers were elected by Bricklayers' union, No. 1, of Portland at its annual meeting held last night: President, W. E. Thayer; vice-president, H. McCullough; treasurer, Theo. Dunn; financial secretary, Harry Jackson; corresponding secretary, Joe Clark; recording secretary, J. H. Steinback; sergeant-at-arms, W. J. Thomas; board of directors, Ben Cason, Joe Clark, H. Gunn, S. Crankshaw, H. McCullough; board of arbitration, Ben Cason, Frank Thorn, W. J. Welch; delegate to the international union, Charles Cooper; alternate, H. J. Welch.

An advertising show, planned after a similar function held in the Coliseum at Chicago and in the Madison Square Garden, New York, is being organized by the Portland Ad club in connection with its biennial banquet next spring. The working out of the details of the show has been left to a committee composed of W. J. Hoffmann, D. C. Freeman and James Reeves. The Ad club is also considering advertising for monthly luncheons, at which addresses are to be made by prominent Portland business men.

The devotional exercises of Central W. C. T. U. Wednesday afternoon were conducted by Miss C. U. Burns. Officers and superintendents reported good work. Plans for a Christmas party were made for a crusade meeting next Monday which will be held at 1:30 p. m. and will take the place of the regular Wednesday meeting. Plans were discussed for a New Year's reception, which will be held at 2:30 p. m. in the room. All friends of the work are invited to call.

By special order the school board has rescinded its former resolution that the schools of the city should close on Christmas eve and has instructed the city superintendent to declare a vacation to begin tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, and continue until Thursday morning, January 2. This action will doubtless be appreciated by both patrons and pupils, as considerable criticism has been heard of the former resolution of the board requiring school on Christmas eve.

If L. Libbetta, city soliciting agent of the Wisconsin Central railway, has resigned his position, the resignation to become effective December 31. The place will be filled by appointment immediately after the first of the year. James A. Clock, general western agent of the Wisconsin Central will leave in a few days for a trip through California and will announce the appointment before taking his departure.

Penney Bros. special—Our \$1.50 grade of wines at \$1.00 per gallon. Our \$1.00 grade of Port and Sherry at 75c per gallon. J. A. McBrayer-Kellogg and L. W. Harper whiskey at \$3.50 per gallon. Our \$2.50 whiskey at \$3.00. Our \$3.00 whiskey at \$2.50 per gallon. Friday and Saturday only, 379-381 East Morrison street. Phone, East 257, Home, 2426. Free delivery.

Try Japanese anti-dust compound for sweeping floors. It removes all dust from a room without stirring it up to the ceiling. F. B. Beck, 123 N. W. Pioneer Paint company, 135 First street. Phone, Main 1334, A. 1334.

Two \$25,000 firms filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk this morning. One was the Multnomah Iron Works, headed by Edwin E. Thomas, H.

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tions and our work

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Second and Columbia.

M. Thomas, E. R. Thompson and F. E. The other was the Multnomah County and Grange Fair association with a capital stock of \$25,000. The project was fairly launched when the official holidays stopped the progress of the incorporation. The work will be resumed at once according to J. J. Johnson, who is at the head of the movement.

To Lovers of Good Perfume—Albert Berni, the druggist, 233 Washington street, has a large and well-selected stock of fine perfume, ordered expressly for the holiday trade, and including all the leading and most popular brands in elegant fancy packages and sets; also in bulk. Bring us your bottle and let us fill it with your favorite odor.

Engineers have been taking measurements at the intersection of Grand avenue and East Morrison street, for the purpose of having the track crossings at this point changed to a better location. Before the Grand avenue improvement can be entirely completed this new crossing will have to be put in by the streetcar company.

Santa Claus is due now—in a short time. Why not order a nice nobby suit as a Christmas present for yourself or your friends? Nothing better in the world. Whoever gets one of Schaefer & Co. suits or overcoats will be happy. J. C. Schaefer & Co., Tailors, 513 Washington street, Raleigh building.

List of articles found on streetcars December 18: Seven umbrellas, 2 notebooks, 1 square, pair spectacles, 1 lunch fur, 3 packages, 1 bag, 1 music case, 1 grip, 1 bucket of paint, 1 can of oil, 1 handbag. Call room 4, O. W. P. building, First and Alder streets.

We sponge and press your clothes and shine your shoes all for \$1 per month. Main 514, A-4314. Wagons run everywhere. Unique Tailoring Co., 309 Stark.

See our display of rare china, brass, bronze wares and fancy goods. Entire stock at 50c reduction until Xmas. Oriental Importing Co., 444 Washington street.

Ball & Brown, Sweetland building, have sold 320 acres near Corvallis, Oregon, to C. C. Callaway, to J. H. Johnston, Portland, for \$14,400.

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

Every lady would appreciate a handsome handbag. See them in window of Berni's drug store, 233 Washington street.

Dr. H. A. Huffman, dentist, rooms 206-7 Alisky bldg., 3d and Morrison. Phone A-2248 and Pacific 1348.

A. Vullenmier, jeweler, 250 Alder bet. 2d and 3d. Diamonds, watches, jewelry, cut glass, at reasonable prices.

East Side Athletic club—gymnasium, boxing, swimming, expert instruction. Initiation fee dropped this month.

W. A. Guthrie, barber, formerly of 186 Fourth street, removed to 271 Taylor street.

Acme Oil Co. sell safety coal oil and fine gasoline. Phone East 789; B-1007.

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

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

Business cards, \$1.00 per 1,000. Cut rate printers. Phone Pacific 601.

Woodward Dancing Academy, Arion hall, tonight. Lessons 25 cents.

D. Chambers, optician, 129 Seventh.

Journal want ads, 1c a word.

Manure for sale. Main 5682.

Bark Tonic for rheumatism.

Where to Dine.

We serve a merchants' 25c lunch, 11:30 to 2:30; 35c table d'hôte dinner, daily, 5:30 to 8:00. Dunsmore's restaurant, 343 Washington street.

Merchants' lunch daily, 25c; Sunday dinner, 50c. Kruses, Park and Morrison.

EAGER TO REPLACE BURNED CHURCH

Enthusiastic determination to rebuild the burned edifice was made manifest at an informal meeting of a few of the officers and members of the congregation of the Forbes Presbyterian church, held at the residence of the pastor, Rev. Harry H. Pratt, last night. Rev. W. B. Forbes, founder of the church, was present and made a stirring address, urging that the church be rebuilt at once.

Every one present agreed that the church must be rebuilt and all subscribed to the fund with the result that \$2,000 was raised, which was equivalent to an average of \$100 each from the members of the church.

Woodmen's hall, Russell street and Rodney avenue will be used for a while by the church. The usual services will be held there next Sunday.

HAMLIN CONCERT AT HELIG TONIGHT

George Hamlin, the newly arrived American tenor, who sings at the Helig theatre tonight, continues to develop fresh powers that astonish and delight critics. "Mr. Hamlin has learned much, as can be seen by his highly developed breath control, and works with absolute surety and ease," says the Allgeline Zeitung of Munich. "The voice sounds equally well in all registers. The singer is able to make beautiful effects with the mezzo voice; also in his interpretation he is possessed of splendid understanding. Mr. Hamlin will present a magnificent program tonight and the recital is the second of the Lois Steers-Wynn Coman series. Seats are now selling at the Helig box office.

Tomorrow (Friday) positively the last day for discount on east side gas bills. Portland Gas company.

TO PREVENT THE GRIP. LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine removes the cause. To get the genuine call for full name and look for signature of E. W. Grove.

HOW TO GET

CONGRESS OF MOTHERS FRAMES

Ordinance to Prevent

Boys Gambling.

The joint committees appointed by

the Woman's club and the state congress of mothers, are preparing to take up the matter of allowing boys to frequent pool rooms. The chairman of the legislative committee of the congress of mothers, Mrs. Miller Trumbull, finds some difficulty in framing an ordinance on account of many conflicting ordinances now standing, but a petition will be presented to the city council at its next regular meeting.

The committee appointed by Mrs. Frederick Eschert as directors of the Woman's club was composed of Mrs. E. B. Colwell, Mrs. W. H. Markell and Mrs. W. E. Potter. The committee from the congress of mothers is Mrs. Miller Trumbull, Mrs. E. B. Colwell and Mrs. Wallace McCamant. Mayor Lane has already expressed his entire approval of the proposed legislation, he said. "In some of the pool rooms, at least, notices have been posted prohibiting minors," said Mrs. Colwell. "The agitation has already done some good. Another matter that it seems to me should be taken care of is the place where the boys are given them. I believe that the school-houses should be opened in the evenings for neighborhood centers, and some form of amusement or entertainment provided."

At the Baker. Austin Webb is making the daredevil D'Artagnan a very living being this week in the Baker company's big production of the famous "Dumas" drama, "The Three Musketeers." Matinee Saturday.

"Caught in the Web" Tonight. Tonight will see a repetition of the tremendous Lyric theatre success, "Caught in the Web," one of the greatest detective dramas ever written, in which the Allen company is making one of the biggest hits of the season. Everybody who has seen this play praises it.

"Girl of the Streets." The title of the entirely new and very thrilling melodrama, which is acting as the magnet to draw theatre goers to the Empress theatre, is "Girl of the Streets." It is a story of the great half world, Matinee Saturday.

Bill Par Excellence. From the famous Eddy family to the moving pictures, every act on the program at the Grand this week is a corker. No better vaudeville entertainment has been seen here in years. The Eddy family is at home on the wire as other people are on solid ground. The three Alcarans are Mexicans, who sing and dance.

Rural Play at Star. "From Farm to Factory," now appearing at the Star theatre, is a play which was given at the Grand in the past for several seasons. It was formerly called "Tobacco Hoxie" and under this title was used as a starring vehicle by the Eddy family. The Eddy family at the Star it is an exciting comedy drama. Matinee Saturday.

MUCH INTEREST IN GLEE CLUB CONCERT

Seats are now selling at the box office of the Helig theatre, Fourteenth and Washington streets, for the annual concert and entertainment of the University of Oregon Glee club, which will be given at the above theatre next Saturday night, December 21. This will be a grand gala college night, when "the spirit" will be very much in evidence in the form of good cheer in one college to another. The renewing of old memories each season through the singing of familiar songs, hearing a few funny jokes by the "funsters," has been the foundation of many of the university clubs that have thrived throughout the United States today.

Good Old German Christmas Cakes Introduced to Portland.

Over in Germany the general Christmas treat is "Pfeffer Kuchen," the German name for the delicious little cakes in myriad forms, such as diamonds, squares, crosses, rings, hearts, men, horns, harps, etc. Every home in Germany is abundantly supplied with these winning little cakes, which are really unsurpassable as "sweets" of entrancing flavor. A great treat for Portlanders of German origin, as well as others who revel in something wholly new in dainty, toothsome delights, has been prepared by the Helig bakery. This year in genuine "Pfeffer Kuchen" made from old-country recipes under the direction of one of the best German bakers that ever crossed the water. The children as well as grown-ups revel in these little cakes. Get a good supply to add to the Christmas tree. They are fully decorative, as well as toothsome and wholesome.

Plant Like a Camel.

From the San Francisco Chronicle. The nearest thing to a camel among plants is a curious specimen of the cucumber family which bears the name of the "Iberivilla sonora." This plant, like the camel, is a native of the desert and it has to go without water longer than the animal.

As the rainy season in the desert comes only once a year nature provides the I. S. with a reservoir to store up enough moisture to last it between times. The orcan in which the water is stored is located at the base of the stem. It is covered with a sort of mackintosh envelope, through which the water can neither escape nor evaporate.

This water holder rests on the sand throughout the entire period of drought, but when the rain comes it springs into activity.

As the result of an active campaign by the Southern Pacific Railway and Steamship company, a regular service of immigrant steamships has been established between New Orleans and ports of Southern Europe.

Tomorrow

Only

SPECIAL SALE

XMAS SWEETS

Every Christmas witnesses hun-

dreds of disappointed people who are unable to get served at our counters. To relieve this pressure and induce early buying we will sell TOMORROW ONLY

1 Lb. Fancy Broken

Bright and crisp. Just the thing

for filling the stockings.

1 Lb. American Mixed

The old fashioned kind. A fa-

vorite with the children.

1 Lb. Xmas Creams

A special mixture of Chocolates

and Bon Bons in large variety.

The 3 Lbs. For 50c

This makes a nice assortment of

strictly fresh pure Candy—made in

our own factory. But three pounds

sold to one person and put up in

paper bags only.

SWEETLAND'S

273 Morrison

Have you seen the Portland

Girl Package? A "nifty" gift.

FINE OF \$1,000 IS

PAID UNDER PROTEST

Penalty Imposed on Land

Fraud Defendant Subject

for Supreme Court.

Dr. Van Gesner, fined \$1,000 and

five months in jail on a charge of

conspiracy to suborn perjury in the

land fraud cases, and who was liber-

ated yesterday, paid his fine later in

the day, but did so under protest, re-

solving a decision by the supreme court

of the United States.

Van Gesner was indicted with Mar-

lon H. Biggs and J. S. Hunt, and

two years ago the three of them

were found guilty of the charge Judge

Hunt fined Dr. Van Gesner \$1,000, and

sentenced him to serve five months in

the county jail. The sentence was com-

pleted yesterday.

After being found guilty by a jury

in the United States circuit court, in

September, 1905, Williamson took his

case to the United States court of ap-

peals of the ninth district. This week

against him again, and Williamson ap-

pealed to the supreme court of the

United States.

Owing to the fact that the William-

son case has not as yet been decid-

ed by the supreme court of the United

States, Dr. Van Gesner, who was lib-

erated yesterday, and at the same time

entering a protest pending a decision of

this body.

HOUSE WINS AT JAI-ALAI

Commission of 15 Per Cent on All

Bets Made and No Risks Taken.

Jai-alai, which means merry party

and is the name under which pelota is

known in Havana, is the occasion of

very heavy betting among the Cubans.

It is a winning proposition for the

house, which takes 15 per cent com-

mission on all bets made but puts up

no money.

All the wagering is done on the pool

system, and the bookmakers who work

on the main floor of the front are

simply betting one man's money against

another's. It is hard to figure the

profits made when \$500,000 a season.

There are two kinds of games of

pelota played, one of which teams of

two meet in the partitioned court in

which six men play at singles, in

what are called quinuelas. Occasionally

there is a variety in which three men

play against two exceptionally strong

players.

In the quinuelas the players meet in

turn in singles until one man has

scored 6 points.

The sporty followers of the game sit

on the ground floor, where the book-

makers, who wear flat red caps which

make them look like cooks, are hobnob-

bing. It is not interested in the game

except in the way of betting, and they

do not care how much their view may

be obstructed.

On the second floor the seats are

expensive, being \$2 each, but the view

is clear. Up there they bet in dollars,

downstairs, among the sports, in cen-

tentes, a coin valued at \$5.50.

The gallery above the third floor

the seats are less expensive, but the

betting is just as heavy. It is like

horse racing in the country. Those who

go to view jai-alai as a spectacle are

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signs with initials. 25c

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Suit Cases, \$5 to \$20

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ets, \$5 to \$17.50

Bath Robes, \$5 to \$15

Lounging Robes, \$10 to \$25

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