

Town Topics

TONIGHT'S AMUSEMENTS.

Hellig..... "Strong Heart"
 Marquam..... "The Toy Maker"
 Baker..... "The Midnight Bell"
 Empire..... "Why Girls Leave Home"
 Grand..... "The Vandal"
 Lyric..... "Cinderella"
 Star..... "Queen of the White Slaves"

At a meeting of the Mount Scott Improvement association Monday night it was reported that the petitions and complaints regarding the Mount Scott car service were ready and would be presented to the state railway commission at once. A new meeting place was chosen in the rear of Armstrong's drug store at Kern Park, where all subsequent meetings will be held. The meeting next Monday night will be held at the drug store. Several other matters of importance were taken up and considered. A committee was appointed to arrange a big entertainment meeting with similar committees from Woodstock and Woodmere push clubs.

It is reported that the Burnside bridge will be closed for 10 days or so when the repairs to the draw gear are being made. This will be in about two weeks. All the work is practically completed except laying the paving blocks and building the sidewalks. When this is accomplished the work on the gear will be started. The draw is so badly cracked and pieces are liable to fall away at any time under the immense strain upon the track every time the draw is opened or closed. The circles of steel will have to be replaced with new material and the foundation probably strengthened.

E. Langley, manager of a local loan company, has written to City Auditor Barber, surrendering all claim to the December pay warrant of Policeman J. W. Gittings, who was murdered several days ago. Gittings borrowed sums amounting to \$118.50 and surrendered his rights to his salary from the city to the loan company in payment for the loans. Gittings had paid all but \$68.45 to which the company relinquished all right and requested that the warrant be turned over to the widow as the company's contribution to the fund which is held for her and her children by the policeman.

A meeting will be held in the Woodmont hall on West avenue, Mount Tabor, for the purpose of taking up the matter of a new school house. An examination of the old West avenue building made a short time ago revealed the fact that the floors are so rotten the teachers have to walk easy to prevent themselves from falling through to the basement. A report was made not long ago to the Mount Tabor Improvement association by a committee from the Mount Tabor Home Training circle.

There will be a meeting of the congregation of the Forbes Presbyterian church in the Rodney Avenue Christian church building on Monday night, December 30, at 7:30 o'clock. Plans for rebuilding the church that burned down last week. Committees will be appointed to take complete charge of the different matters connected with the work. Much encouragement is reported by Rev. H. H. Pratt, pastor of the destroyed church, for over half the amount for rebuilding the church is available.

J. D. Baker of New York claims to have the best streetcar fender in the world and called on Councilman W. T. Vaughn for the purpose of explaining his life-saver in the hope that the city will adopt it. Mr. Baker arrived in Portland too late to attend the meeting of the special fender committee Tuesday afternoon, and is anxious to have the councilmen see his type before they make a recommendation to the council.

The Nortonia Hotel company has filed articles of incorporation, the organizers being R. E. Lamson, M. L. Holbrook and Richard W. Montague. The capital stock is \$10,000. Another new incorporation is that of Ballou & Wright, dealers in hardware, building supplies and sporting goods, capitalized for \$100,000. The incorporators are: Oscar R. Ballou, Charles F. Wright and Owen C. Ticknor.

In behalf of Scout Young camp No. 2 of the United Spanish War veterans, H. E. Williams thanks The Journal for the courtesy shown in the presentation of a handsome present given as a prize at the masquerade carnival held by the veterans at the Oregon Hotel Thanksgiving evening. The camp also joins in wishing The Journal a "Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year."

List of articles found on streetcars December 24 and 25: One pair gloves, five packages, one handbag, three purses, one watch, one lunch box, one picture, one basket, one coat, fourteen umbrellas. Call at room 4, O. W. P. building, First and Alder streets.

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BELDING WANTS BAILEY TO SHOW

If Food Inspector Cannot Handle His Work, Measures Should Be Taken.

Councilman Belding stated this morning that he will oppose the creation of a city chemist to test Portland's food supply unless it can be clearly shown that the office of State Food and Dairy Inspector J. W. Bailey is unable to handle the work. Mr. Belding believes that as Portland citizens pay one-third of the state taxes they should receive a proportionate return for their money and if Bailey cannot handle the food question in the city that measure should be taken to relieve the situation. Mr. Belding said today that he favored a conference between a committee of councilmen and Mr. Bailey before definite action is taken. He stated that a city chemist, to determine just how much of the city's work can be expected from the state office. Inasmuch as statements have been made recently to the effect that anything like prompt returns and proper analysis could not be obtained by the city from the state office, Mr. Belding believes that the conference would settle definitely whether the fault is due to the management of the office or whether there is too much work for the present force to handle. If there is too much work, Mr. Belding believes the state should provide assistants to the office or else abolish it. If the work is not being properly handled, Mr. Belding believes that changes should be made that will give taxpayers a fair return for their money. "There is too great an inclination to create offices for the purpose of giving somebody an easy position," said Mr. Belding this morning. "I am not in favor of establishing the office of city chemist. We have a city bacteriologist and we have a city health board and other health officers, all at a great expense to the taxpayers. If we pay our share toward the office of the state food and dairy inspector we should be able to get returns at least proportionate to our share of taxation. "Until it can be shown that this cannot be obtained I will oppose the city chemist proposition. I realize the necessity of properly safeguarding the public health but I do not believe that we should waste money in doing it."

leave-in at the Brooklyn sewer just east of Milwaukee street. About 15 feet of the sewer fell in and held up the work this morning but the workmen were able to resume operations this afternoon.

We have still quite a lot of those nobby suitings and overcoatings left to select from—if you are in need of something dressy, call on J. C. Schaefer & Co., merchant tailors, Raleigh building, 323 Washington street.

A tea is to be given Friday December 27, from 2 till 5, at the new Florence Crittenton Refuge Home, corner East Third and Olive streets. Take the Montavilla car. The public generally is invited.

We sponge and press your clothes and shine your shoes, all for \$1 per month. Main 614, A-4314. Wagons run everywhere. Unique Tailoring Co., 309 Stark.

Steamer Jesse Harkins, for Canara, Washougal and way landings, leaves every Sunday. Leaves Washington street dock at 2 p. m.

Painting, tinting, paper hanging and picture framing. Portland Paint and Paper company, 251 First and Main 4879.

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

Dr. H. A. Hoffman, dentist, rooms 206-7 Alisky bldg., 3d and Morrison. Phone A-2245 and Pacific 1348.

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.

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

D. Chambers, optician, 129 Seventh.

Journal want ads, 1c a word.

Manure for sale. Main 5983.

Bark Tonic for rheumatism.

CITY HAS LOST VALUABLE CITIZEN

The Consumers' League of Oregon has passed the following resolutions on the death of Judge Frazer:

"Whereas, In the death of the late Judge Arthur L. Frazer Portland has sustained the loss of a most valued citizen and the Consumers' League of Oregon, an organization of deep sense of Judge Frazer's services to the community and the honor we owe him for his life and work.

"Resolved, That we extend sincere sympathy to his family and personal friends in their great bereavement.

"Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the daily papers and that a copy be sent to Judge Frazer's family.

"MARY MONTGOMERY, President.
 "CAROLINE STRONG, "ELINOR CORWELL, "K. L. TREVELL, "Committee."

Where to Dine.

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

MURDER MYSTERY MUDDLES POLICE

Pick Up Assassin's Clothes Evidently Expecting the Owner to Claim Them.

The man who murdered Giacobino Alari at the corner of First and Clay streets Monday evening is still at large in spite of the best efforts of the police to locate his hiding place. Orasio and Francesca, the supposed accomplices in the murder, are still prisoners, but all efforts to induce them to discuss the details of the tragedy or its cause are without avail. Neither will they give any information that will serve to aid the authorities in their search for Nick Maglis, the supposed murderer.

Yesterday a further search of the restaurant, where Alari went to visit the three men now accused of being responsible for his death, was made. It brought to light a small calibre revolver, a derby hat, bent and broken; a stiletto with a rabbit-foot handle and long, keen blade; an old derby hat, and a broken umbrella, the covering of which is blotched with what appears to be bloodstains.

These articles were hidden about the place, some under the matting and some behind a stack of canned goods on the shelves. Just what connection they may have with the murder is not apparent and so far as can be seen they only go to prove that the search of the place first made by the police was either of a very perfunctory nature or the place has been visited by someone and the articles hidden since the night of the tragedy. Even in the latter event it does not seem probable that the finding of the articles can be made to serve as any evidence of crime. It is known that the shooting occurred on the street and that the murderer ran away without reentering the building. He did not have an umbrella; the weapon from which the fatal shot was fired carried a 38-calibre bullet; no knife wounds were inflicted; and the murderer was wearing a hat when he was seen running down Clay street a few moments after the shooting.

A summing up of the whole affair fails to show that the police have been able to make any appreciable progress in their investigation of the case.

NEW COUNCILMAN EVERY THREE MONTHS

At a meeting of the council in St. Johns Tuesday evening John Peterson was elected to fill the vacancy in the position of councilman from the second ward made by the resignation recently of Peter Autzen. The place carries with it a hoodoo, as it has now been filled

SEARCHING FOR IT

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three times by the council since the city election last April because of the resignation each time of the incumbent. W. W. Raser was elected to the place at the regular city election in April, 1907 afterwards he moved from the city and was forced to resign. W. C. Francis was elected to the place. Francis was unable to give the proper time to the office that he thought should be given to it, so he handed in his resignation. Peter Autzen was then chosen by the council to fill the place. Autzen's resignation last week made the place vacant a third time and the election of Peterson necessary.

Mr. Peterson is one of the principal stockholders in the St. Johns Transportation company which operates a ferry between St. Johns and Linnton. H. W. Brice who held the position of councilman from the second ward two years ago was also before the council Tuesday as a nominee for the office.

Building Permits.
 E. T. Glasgow, erect dwelling, corner Dwight and Winchell, \$250; C. Cardinell, repair store, \$3 North third street \$125; D. H. Stowbridge, repair dwelling, corner East Tenth and East Gilman, \$200.

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