Town Topics

TONIGHT'S AMUSEMENTS.

Orpheum ..... Vaudeville.
Grand ..... Vaudeville
Pantages ..... Vaudeville
The Oaks ..Dog and Pony Show, 3 p. m. "Chow Chow," 8:15.

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A judgment by default that may add $3,000 to the resources of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank was taken in the circuit court this morning by Receiver Thomas C. Devlin against the Continental Gold Mining company, Alexander Sweek and W. B. Stewart. Sweek is the secretary of the corporation and Stewart is the president, both of them signing the note given by the company, which is now defunct. Mining machinery belonging to the corporation has been attached in Douglas county.

Evening Star grange of Multnomah county is to hold its thirty-fifth reunion at the grange hall on the Section Line road September 5. Master J. J. Johnson of the grange says it is the largest organization of its kind west of the Rockies. On the occasion of the thirty-fifth anniversary the 320 members are expected to be present. Dinner served by the ladies at the grange hall will precede an evening of literary and musical entertainment during which the members will indulge in reminiscences of the days gone by.

Mayor Lane has sent a communication to City Attorney Kavanangh, asking for an opinion as to whether it is the duty of the mayor or the council to collect the $100,000 bond of the United Railways company which Mr. Kavanaugh declared forfeited in an opinion to Councilman Wallace several weeks ago. Mr. Kavanaugh is out of the city at present, and it is probable that the opinion will not come up before the next meeting of the council.

Leading members of east side push clubs appointed last June as an advisory board to the charter revision committee will meet before the first of September to outline plans which they will suggest for the amendments to the charter. Included among these are the suggestions for municipal lighting and the placing of parked streets in charge of the park commission.

Property worth $54,220 will be inherited by Mrs. Marian Starr from her husband, Everett G. Starr, according to the report filed with the county clerk by the administrator, Claude D. Starr. The widow is the only heir. The chief asset consists of 40 shares in the Starr Estate company, valued at $30,000.

Alleging that her husband abused her, called her bad names, and accused her of stealing some of his money, Mrs. Annie E. Stencil has begun suit for separation from John N. Stencil, to whom she was married in Sheboygan, Mich., in 1902. She says he has also addicted the use of liquor and made humiliating charges against her that were untrue.

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.

The following articles were found on the streetcars yesterday and can be recovered by calling at the lost article room, First and Alder streets: Three purses, market basket, lunch box, umbrella, sunshade, jacket, kodak films, Bible, two pairs of gloves, suit case and four packages.

The New York society of Oregon will hold a garden party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Van Tyne, Portsmouth avenue, Portsmouth station, tonight. Visiting New Yorkers as well as those residing here are cordially invited. Take St. Johns car, Second and Alder streets.

A. B. Wilcox, janitor of the Failing building, was brought to the county jail this morning on an insanity charge. His long night vigils at work are thought to have affected his mind. He imagines that detectives are looking for him. Friends have agreed to care for him at a private sanitarium.

W. M. Ladd, administrator of the A. H. Johnson estate, has sold the Yamhill county property under order of the county court, but will continue to receive bids for the properties in Multnomah and Washington counties until August 25, 1908.

The new parcel post arrangements between U. S. postoffice departments of the United States and Great Britain, whereby packages weighing as much as 11 pounds may be sent from this country to England without regard to value, went into effect August 15. Before this date the limit of packages to Great Britain points was four pounds six ounces, the value of each package being limited to $50.

The Wolf Creek Mining company, capitalized for $1,000,000, has filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk. The incorporators are W. H. Burghardt, M. L. Pratt, G. T. Williams and A. W. France.

Sadie Leo Gee Wo has begun suit in the circuit court against Rothchild Bros. and the Northern Brewery company for $375 for three months' rent for property in St. Johns, under a lease.

Multnomah Improvement club meets Wednesday, August 19. All members are requested to attend; several important measures will be up for consideration. N. D. Beutgen is secretary.

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AT THE THEATRES

Orpheum Packed From Pit to Dome.

The opening of the Orpheum theatre last evening demonstrated to the theatre going public of Portland the class of performance to be seen booked by the Orpheum people. The rounds of applause that greeted the performers was most gratifying.

Advanced vaudeville, as shown last night, is the result of the Orpheum system of booking in Europe as well as in this country. The burnt cork comedians Clifford and Burke were about exhausted answering the repeated calls of the audience.

At the Oaks.

A wrestling match between a giant baboon and a man is to be the novel feature at the Oaks airdome every afternoon this week. Kidd the big ape of the Carlos monkey and dog show, has been receiving some instruction in the art of handling himself on the mat and louts are to be tried between the animal and Ed Weisendanger, a Portland boy, formerly with Norris and Rowe's circus.

Pantages' Feature Acts.

An exquisite presentation of the latest novelty O Hana San and company in a beautiful production of "The Geisha's Dream," is a top-notcher. A number of pleasing scenes are depicted on canvas, while four young women garbed as Japanese maidens pose as the seasons. The act is a series of novel surprises, beautiful to behold.

Under Water Artists.

An act of unusual novelty is that of the Finneys at the Grand this week. They eat, drink and sleep beneath the waves of an immense crystal tank. Jules Garrison and his assistants have a merry travesty on the ancient Romans of the Shakespearean kind.

Building Permits.

H. Deimel, erect dwelling, Clinton, between East Twenty-third and East Twenty-fourth, $1,500; Homeopathy hospital company, erect hospital, East Second, between Hassalo and Multnomah, $10,000; M. L. Kline, erect dwelling, Laurel, between Chapman and Nineteenth, $10,000; C. H. Sigoung, erect dwelling, Denham between Dekum and Winona, $1,200; David Penni, erect dwelling, Lovejoy between Twenty-first and Twenty-second, $2,800; Sarah Linebaugh, erect dwelling, Killingsworth between Patton and Maryland, $1,200; Joseph Reed, erect dwelling, East Grant between East Thirty-seventh and East Thirty-eighth, $1,400; B. M. Garrahan, erect dwelling, East Forty-eighth between Hancock and Broadway, $2,000; H. H. Donnall, erect dwelling, Ross between Cherry and McMillen, $3,900.

THE PLAY

Orpheum—Vaudeville.

By J. T. S.

With a truly grand effort on the part of the lone pianist, an impassioned and statistical discourse on the part of the manager-president, George L. Baker, and an outpouring of smartly garbed people the Orpheum circuit was made welcome to our city last evening. The circuit was made welcome, Manager Sutton was made welcome, each individual artist was made welcome, in fact, everybody was made welcome but the musicians' union. It was a typical Orpheum show—which means that it was real vaudeville and not a conglomeration of bores, and it was a real Orpheum audience, with the house packed to the doors, everybody happy and as interested as a circus crowd.

There is a something about a vaudeville show that smacks of the circus—a constant change and newness and "bizarreness" that partakes of the nature of a spectacle, and that pleases in the same way, that tickles the same nerves. If it's your idea of heaven to have a circus every week, then the Orpheum is your Elysium. The only difference is that in the Orpheum your seat is comfortable. An that it's appealing, no one will deny. It was so appealing last night that we chortled in glee over everything that was done, we blessed the tumblers with ingratiating smiles and we hugged to our breasts the mother-in-law joke. We took the coy young thing to our hearts twice, we giggled over it and chuckled at its capers and trundled it on our knees and laughed at it till the tears ran down our cheeks. We made it a child again, just for that night.

By way of prologue Ringmaster George L. Baker, in a costume of brown cloth, cut sheaf, appeared in a song and dance entitled "Ain't It Awful, Mabel?" It, in this case being the musicians' union. After the little prelude to the effect that he was president of the managers' association, etc., etc., Mr. Baker told of the woes of the managers. He dealt mostly in figures and figures are not our strong suit, but this much is certain, the managers have decided to do without the orchestras until the first of the year, anyway, and maybe forever. It all depends on the degree of reasonableness exhibited by the union, according to the manager-president, and the change was not made out of deference to the wishes of music-lovers, as some had foolishly supposed.

Following Mr. Baker the pianist struck up Von Suppe's "Jolly Robbers"—he must have been a surreptitious member of the union himself—and the show was on.

Fred Bond was the headliner, and Fred Bond is an extraordinarily funny farceur—as witness his success in rejuvenating mother-in-law. "Handkerchief No. 15," which was Mr. Bond's vehicle, is simple, very simple. It is merely a mother-in-law tale, without even variations. But Mr. Bond and his company were so good and the spirit of welcome so permeated the atmosphere that few things have caused more laughs with a Portland audience than did he and his. Fremont Benton as Rosie St. Regis was fairly good and the others of Mr. Bond's company were satisfactory.

The next installment of mother-in-law came with Wilbur Mack and Nella Walker in "The Bachelor and the Maid." You wouldn't understand "The Bachelor and the Maid" if I described it to you. But mother-in-law figures prominently as an absent treatment. She is not there in the flesh, but she is in the spirit. It is a Newlyweds act and is entertaining.

Janet Melville is one of the funniest women you'll see, and Evie Stetson is a good foil. Janet is "there," that's all. You don't want to talk about her in cold print. But you do want to see her and hear her. And Clifford and Burke are the familiar burnt cork comedians, excepting that Clifford is better than the familiar ones.

As for the animal part of the show—if you can stand it to watch baboons—some people can't—Grais' prodigies will make you say "oh" and "ah" and "isn't that wonderful" and all the things you say when you see baboons walk the tight rope, dress and undress on the trapeze and loop the loop on a bicycle.

It was a good Orpheum show, well-rounded and pleasing. And the days of good vaudeville for Portland seem to have come for keeps.

The Oaks—"Chow Chow."

"Chow Chow" is on at the Oaks. That is sufficient for those who like to get away from the city for an hour or two and listen to catchy songs in a cool place. From the time the curtain went up until the finale there was not a sober minute in "Chow Chow." One of the funniest concetts of the season was the gasolene cocktail. It—well, one has to drink it to enjoy its effect and there is only one place in town to get it.

The songs were better than usual for a first night performance and the pretty chorus was worked overtime by the large crowd that assembled in the Airdome. Two of the prettiest songs of the evening were sung by Marguerite La Ponte. The first was "In Castilia" and in the second act "Glow-Worm." The lighting effect and work of the chorus in both songs were classy, but Miss La Ponte's voice was just right.

Little Winifred Green is about the cutest thing ever seen. Her "Automobiling" and "Yankee Doodle Came to Town" gave her a chance to further ingratiate herself into the hearts of the Oaks' patrons and she was warmly received. Allen Curtis as Busy Izzy could show many a soda water clerk fine points in the mixing of the drug store beverages.

Other song hits of the evening were: "I'm Afraid to Come Home in the Dark," Herbert Lindley; "Character Song," Dave Caston; "I Know a Girl Like You," Albert Leonard. Winifred Green and Mayme Prager; "Since Arrah Wanna Married Barney Carney," Marguerite La Ponte; "Wangdoodle," Clamage, Lindley, Leonard, Figg and Caston.

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One of the features of the decorations for the table is to be a little golden ship which was used at the fiftieth anniversary celebration of Mrs. Lipman's mother and father 21 years ago.

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"Now there was a bunch of wise keepers that watched the performance a number of times and became greatly agitated. They feared the old lady would drown the little one, so rather than endure the reproaches of the park authorities, or the agony of seeing its death, they took it from the mother. It was nowhere but on deck, for that little fellow from then on, the 'wise ones' having concluded they knew the game of bringing up baby hippopotami better than the mother.

"The result of their care and attention was a hippopotami funeral, with the attendants and the old beast for the chief mourners. The next time the trainers were wiser, and when the mother took it under the water for 20 or 30 minutes at a time their pulses behaved in a normal way and the little fellow was allowed to soak. This one grew and was sent to Cincinnati.

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