Town Topics

TONIGHT'S AMUSEMENTS.

Heilig	"The Girl Question"
Bungalow	"David Harum"
Orpheum	Vaudeville
Grand	Vaudeville
Pantages	Vaudeville
Lyric	"The Holy City"

Captain Ritchie Awarded Salary—"Bad luck suffered by a ship should not necessarily be blamed on the master," decreed Judge Wolverton, when in the federal court this morning he decided that Captain James E. Ritchie should not have been discharged from the British ship Ancalos, because of misfortunes suffered by that vessel in making a trip from Liverpool to Portland, going by way of Australia. Captain Ritchie sued in the federal court a few days ago for damages in the sum of $1488.69, of which $328.69 he declared was due him for salary at the time of his discharge in Portland, April 15, 1907; $960 due on contract for salary until the ship reached home port, and $200 for his passage from Portland to Liverpool. Judge Wolverton decided that Captain Ritchie was entitled to the amount of salary due him, less some personal expenses, or a sum of $135.22 in Canadian money.

There has been prepared for free distribution a beautifully illustrated booklet descriptive of Pioche, Nev., which may be had by calling at room 336, Chamber of Commerce, or by postal card request addressed to "Pioche," same room. The book is not only a treasure as a work of art, but its contents cannot fail to engage the attention of every person desiring to better their condition. Pioche is the greatest mining camp in Nevada, not excepting any. It has 10 times the ore deposits of Goldfield or Tonopah, and the great mining lights of the country are rushing to it. Senator Clark's railroad has been completed to the town, and was built solely to carry away the ore being mined in that camp. Passenger and freight trains are now run regularly, the booklet showing a map of the route and cut of the depot. The publication is well worth $1 and doesn't cost a cent.

De Caprio Did Not Bid—David Rosebrook, who the other day was appointed conductor of the park band, has begun signing up his men for the season and will begin rehearsals in the near future. This will be Mr. Rosebrook's first appearance as conductor of the municipal band. Signor A. De Caprio, who for two consecutive seasons conducted the park band concerts, did not compete for the position this year, as he had booked for the whole season before the park band question came before the park board. Signor De Caprio's orchestra is filling an engagement at the Oregon grill, and he is also furnishing band music for the Exposition building skating rink. He will have an out of town engagement during the coming summer.

May Extend Villa Avenue—The effort of Montavilla people to secure an 80-foot roadway through the Ladd farm connecting Villa avenue with East Glisan street, is about to be realized. Three years ago this project was taken up and vigorously pressed, but for the past two years nothing has been heard of it. At a recent meeting of the Montavilla Board of Trade, Dr. William Deveney read a letter from the manager of the Ladd Real Estate company announcing that the Ladd estate would not object to the opening of an 80-foot street through its property. The matter will now be taken up with the city council with a view to having the improvement made.

Boy Fugitives Caught.—Charged with being the accomplices of Allen Sharon in an alleged robbery of several stores in Portland, two boys, Floyd Fessler and Edward Richardson, age 16 and 17 years, were arrested in South Tacoma yesterday. Detective Coleman, one of the officers who took young Sharon into custody last week, went to Tacoma yesterday to bring the boys back to Portland. Eight store robberies, in all of which the plunder was of small value, were committed by the three lads, the officers say. The trio will be brought before the juvenile court this week.

Chooses Dangerous Bed — Believing that he had found a nice warm place to sleep, E. Anderson, a knight of the road, crawled into the waste burner of the University Lumber & Shingle company's mill last night and fell into a peaceful slumber. The few drinks he had taken kept him sleeping on when the burner went into operation for the night. When found he was covered with ashes and almost suffocated, but still asleep. At St. Vincent's hospital today it was reported that he was able to leave his bed, and that his burns were superficial.

Arrests Former Friend. — Detective Tichenor was called upon yesterday to arrest for larceny a man who managed one end of a street car while Tichenor officiated at the other, years ago. The man is C. A. Marcy, formerly a car conductor. Harry Ellis, a stonemason, was the complainant, swearing that Marcy had taken all the valuables from his room, later pawning them. Marcy was today sentenced to 270 days' imprisonment for larceny.

Opens Wrong Box—Mistaking a fire alarm box at Park and Yamhill streets for a mail box, a woman this morning called the fire department to that corner. It was one of the new flaring red boxes which it was thought would never suffer the humility of being mistaken for a receptacle for Uncle Sam's mail. A passerby informed the lady of her mistake before the department arrived, however, so she missed all the excitement.

Permits for School Houses—Building permits were taken out today for the erection of two new east side school houses. On the half block fronting East Thirteenth, between Thompson and Brazee, a two story frame school, to cost $20,000, will be erected by Contractor Peter Hobkirk, and the same builder will erect a smaller structure on East Twenty-third, between Going and Brainard, at a cost of $13,500. These are the first of eight grammar school buildings to cost over $200,000, which are to be erected this year by the school board.

BOTKIN BOASTED OF HIS HOLD ON NATHAN WOLFF

Missing Peddler, Now Suspected of Murder, Told Laurel Man That Pawnbroker Could Not Deny Him Money —Talked of Mysterious Secret.

That Joe Botkin, the Sunday before Nathan Wolff was murdered in his First street pawnshop, made statements that he could raise money without trouble from a man named Wolff in Portland, and that three days after the murder of Wolff he declared that he could not get the money, because the man from whom it was to come had been killed, is vouched for by a Washington county man named Radcliffe.

Joe Botkin is the peddler whose name became connected with the Wolff case recently through the recalling of remarks he is said to have made soon after the murder, intimating that he knew why Wolff was slain, and declaring that the officers had the wrong man when they arrested Edward H. Martin for the crime. Interest in him was heightened when letters written in cipher from Odessa, Russia, in which city Wolff once lived, were found in a box that Botkin left behind when he disappeared from Oregon, soon after the death of Wolff.

The story of the movements of Botkin and the mysterious letters told in The Journal came to the notice of Radcliffe, who formerly conducted a general merchandise store in Washington county, where Botkin had his headquarters. A few days ago Radcliffe came to Portland, and hunted up John A. Jeffrey, attorney for Martin, to inform him of the statements made by Botkin before and after the murder of Wolff.

Radcliff's story sheds new light on the theory of Martin's lawyer that the killing of Wolff was instigated by some secret group in Russia in revenge for some real or fancied injury done their cause by Wolff. It adds to this theory the element of possibility that Wolff was slain because he refused to yield to a conspiracy to blackmail and extort money from him.

Wanted to Buy Store.

Radcliffe formerly conducted a general country merchandise store near Laurel, and in a business way he became acquainted with Botkin, the peddler. He wanted to sell the store, and Botkin talked of buying him out. He knew that Botkin had little means, and he laughed at the peddler.

"But I can get the money," Botkin is reported to have said to him. "It is no trouble for me to raise money. I have secrets that are worth $1,000,000 to me. I have worked at engraving, and some day I am going to have some lithographs made and use them. I can get money from Wolff in Portland. If I tell Wolff to take the proposition, he will have to take it."

This conversation, Radcliff says, took place on the Sunday before Wolff was slain. He gave the matter little thought, believing that the little peddler was "talking through his hat." He did not know Wolff, and might have forgotten the conversation entirely had not Botkin referred to it again on May 4, three days after Wolff was murdered.

Then, according to Radcliff's narrative to Jeffrey, Botkin said that he could not get the money, as Wolff had been killed. When he learned of Martin's arrest he said that the police had the wrong man, and declared that some of Wolff's countrymen in Portland could tell why he was killed if they wanted to do so.

Wrote From California.

Shortly after this Botkin fled the state, writing an apologising letter to his partner from California to say that he had left their team and peddling outfit in a livery barn at Gervais, from which place it was later recovered.

Putting all these things together, Martin's attorneys declare that they are greatly encouraged. They are building hope on a pardon or reprieve for Martin in case the supreme court refuses him a new trial. The cipher letters left behind by Joe Botkin are still an unsolved mystery, and it is hoped by Jeffrey that their meaning, if ever brought to light, will aid in making Martin a free man.

Martin, in his cell at the county jail, is patiently awaiting the outcome of his appeal. If a new trial is refused he will at once begin to serve his sentence of 15 years for manslaughter, but his attorneys say that with the information they are accumulating they are certain he will not have to serve very long.

Martin himself declares that he is free from all desire to return to the use of morphine.

"If I were released today," he says, "I would go out into the world feeling that I was a new man. And I believe that I could accomplish something and be somebody once more. This time in jail has been a blessing in a way, for I am cured of drugs. I am innocent, and I would like an opporunity now to show what is in me."

PRACTICAL JOKER HAS TROUBLE EXPLAINING

Forgetting that yesterday was a day or two past All Fools' day, Gottlieb Zurcher, who lives with his cousin, Fred Moy, on Portland Heights, thought it would be a fine joke to secrete $290 belonging to his cousin. Moy failed to see anything funny in the disappearance of his money and hurried to the police station. Zurcher was in the house when Detectives Coleman and Price called, and laughed uproariously when their mission was explained.

However keen the joke, Zurcher went to the city jail, and what's more, he stayed in jail all last night. This morning he agreed to return the money, and as he made no effort to make off with the money, the charge against him was dismissed.

KLAMATH'S FINANCES THE BEST IN YEARS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Klamath Falls, Or., April 5.—The report just made by the county treasurer shows that Klamath county is in the best financial condition for many years. It has no bonded indebtedness and its outstanding warrants amount to less than $30,000, which cover the expenses for the past nine months. Without any increase in the levy, the county raised this year about $20,000 toward a fund of $75,000 for the erection of a new courthouse building, and also $25,000 for the improvement of its roads.

The people of the county are also in good shape financially as is shown by their promptness in the payment of taxes. During the latter part of February and the month of March over two thirds of the total amount on the assessment roll was collected by the sheriff. Advantage was taken of the 3 per cent rebate by many and the people of the county saved over $3000 on the discount alone. Prospects for crops are very bright this year and this season will be one of the busiest in the history of the county. Hundreds of settlers are arriving weekly and the farming districts are fast settling up. At the present rate of increase, it is predicted that Klamath county will rank third or fourth in population in the state.

Club Quarters Secured—As the funds for the moving and fitting up of the cottage secured as club quarters by the North Albina Rose Culture club have been raised, the building will be moved this week to its new site at Borthwick and Killingsworth avenues. The site, building and funds were all donated by Albina people, while the Portland public library will furnish the books for the reading room.

Postoffice Is Robbed—Postal Inspector Clemons received notice yesterday that the postoffice at Elk City had been broken into and a considerable quantity of stamps and other property which might be easily turned into money stolen. The case was given into the hands of the local sheriff, but the robbers have not been caught.

Mothers' and Teachers' Meeting—The Mothers' and Teachers' circle of Holman school will hold its regular meeting tomorrow afternoon in the assembly hall at 3 o'clock. An interesting program has been prepared. Children will be taken care of in the kindergarten.

Save the Discount.—Send check or pay at office on or before the 10th to save the discount on April bills for the automatic telephone. Home phone your long distance calls to Tacoma, Seattle and way points. Home Telephone company, corner of Park and Burnside streets.

Painting Firm Incorporated.—Articles of incorporation have been filed by McClintock & Groocock, a painting firm. The capital stock is $2500, the company being formed by L. C. McClintock, Herbert Groocock and Anna Groocock.

Admitted to Federal Practice—Jesse Stearn of New York was admitted this morning to practice before the bar of the federal district and circuit courts of Oregon.

New Era Paint & Varnish Company—(the Acme Quality Paint Store) are now in their new quarters, 187-189 Second street, between Yamhill and Taylor. *

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Hardware Inspector at Chemawa.

Chemawa, Or., April 5.—The Chemawa Indian school was visited by Mr. B. H. McClain of New York City, the inspector of hardware for the Indian service. He has been assisting Commissioner Leupp for the past five years in the selection of supplies for the Indian service and there has been a marked improvement in the goods delivered in his line since his incumbency. He is on his way to San Francisco, where supplies will be selected this week for the coming fiscal year.

A Superb Corporation.

Undoubtedly the richest transportation corporation in the United States, if not the world, is the Pennsylvania Railroad company. It has, for many years, been blessed with able and honest management, both conservative and enterprising. The annual report to the stockholders, made by the directors March 2, shows its assets to be over $706,000,000, of which half is in road and equipments, one third in securities, and the remainder in cash and miscellaneous property.

Its liabilities are a funded debt of about $300,000,000, the balance being in capital stock, and a net profit and loss credit of $25,000,000. Its gross income for the year was $136,000,000, its total expenses $108,000,000, leaving $28,000,000 as net profits, out of which a dividend of 6 per cent was paid; nearly $9,000,000 was expended in improvements, and almost a million added to the profit and loss account.

These figures are hard to appreciate, and the executive ability required to handle such a business must be of the highest order. The vastness of this business can perhaps be better comprehended by a consideration of the fact that its gross receipts for the year exceed both the receipts and expenditures of the national government in 1860. In that year the government received and paid out only $120,000,000. The Pennsylvania Railroad company last year received and accounted for $136,000,000. —South Bend (Ind.) Times.

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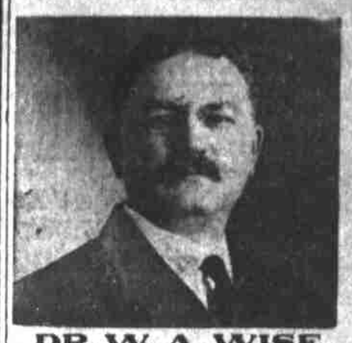

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