

Town Topics

TONIGHT'S AMUSEMENTS.

Baker. "Forty-five Minutes from Broadway." Bungalow. "The Soul Kiss." Orpheum. "The Merry Widow." Grand. "The Merry Widow." Vaudeville. "The Merry Widow." Pantages. "The Merry Widow." Moving Pictures.

City Beautiful Promoters Meet.—A meeting of contributors to the city practical fund has been called for tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in the green parlor of the Commercial club. With them will meet the finance committee which was instrumental in securing the \$20,000 fund donated necessary in order to secure one year's service from E. H. Bennett, municipal architect of Chicago. The report of a committee on permanent organization of the proposed Civic league will be heard and acted on. Permanent organization will be effected by an election of officers and a formulation of plans for future procedure.

Observe Founders' Day.—Evening Star, No. 27, Patrons of Husbandry, observed Founders' Day in a session in the lodge hall on Section Line road Sunday, Dec. 5. L. L. Vail, president. Officers were elected as follows: Master, J. J. Master; overseer, Willis Buckman; lecturer, Mrs. H. L. Vail; chaplain, Mrs. Elizabeth Kelly; steward, E. J. Spooner; assistant steward, Gus Moreland; secretary, Mrs. M. M. Eaton; treasurer, Mrs. E. J. Spooner; lady assistant, Miss Mary Paquet; cereus, Miss Bertha Euland; Flora, Miss Paquet; Pomona, Mrs. Ruth Niblin; executive committee, Mrs. and Mrs. Coval and E. Elliot.

Trials of Highwaymen.—Three highwaymen attempted to rob Isaac Friedman, 584 Flanders street, early last evening, but were foiled in their job by a teamster. The affair happened at Fifteenth and Flanders street. Friedman was on his way home when accosted by three unmasked men, who commanded him to stop and throw up his hands. As they were going through his pockets, a wagon passed Fifteenth street and Friedman called for help. The teamster stopped and the robbers deserted their victim and escaped. They did not get anything of value.

At Holman School.—The Mothers' and Teachers' circle of the Holman school, will meet in the assembly hall Tuesday, December 7, at 3 p. m. An interesting program has been prepared, including a paper on the "Christmas Question in Other Lands," by Miss Docking, editor of School and Home and a recitation by Miss Lack of the Gillespie School of Expression. Light refreshments will be served. Small children may be left in the kindergarten room, where they will be amused and cared for.

Molten Mass Destroys Sight.—George Henkel, suit for \$5000 damages against the Portland Iron Works was called for trial before a jury in Judge Gantenbein's department of the circuit court this morning. Henkel was a helper and was attending what is called the cupola, a great iron melting tank. In dropping the bottom of the cupola to allow the slag to run out a drop from molten mass splattered into Henkel's face and destroyed the vision of his right eye. The company denies any responsibility.

Rosarian Goes to London.—Rev. Spencer S. Sulliger of Vancouver, Wash., who has acted as judge at the last two rose shows held during the Rose Festival here, has received word to the effect that he has been appointed a delegate from the American Rose society to the great international gathering of rosarians at London this summer. Rev. Mr. Sulliger has been intending to go as representative of the Portland Rose Festival association so will now be representative of both local and national societies.

Mrs. Lulu Dahl Miller, assisted by Mrs. Reed's famous Treble Clef and Mr. Fargo, tenor, will give a concert at the White Temple tomorrow. It will be a musical treat. Admission 50c. Seats reserved. Sherman, Clay company, Sixth and Morrison streets.

Opening of Palace Hotel.—The business men of Portland, through an invitation received this morning by the Portland Commercial club, are invited to participate in a great banquet celebrating the opening of the new Palace hotel and the rehabilitation of San

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Francisco. The affair is under the auspices of the commercial organizations of San Francisco. States are \$15 each and if any of the business men of Portland can be induced to send their names to the Portland Commercial club by Wednesday evening, Dec. 15 at 7 o'clock.

Vagrants Rounded Up.—Vagrants to the number of 24 were arraigned in municipal court this morning. This is the result of a recent order of Chief of Police Cox to rid the city of these undesirable, and were rounded up over Sunday. Sentences on the rock pile from 15 to 30 days were given part of the men, and others were ordered out of town. This is the class the police feel has been responsible for much of the petty thievery. All patrolmen and detectives have been instructed to arrest all such characters and an effort in this way is made to clean up the north and south ends of the city.

Made Trouble in Streets.—A Shanbeck was arrested Saturday night on an owl car on the Mount Scott line for being disorderly and resisting an officer. With a number of his associates he started a quarrel with the conductor, Roy Wooden, when Patrolman J. G. Montgomery, who was on the car, intervened and made the arrest. Shanbeck fought both the conductor and patrolman, and was finally overpowered with the arrival of Patrolman Hennessey. He has given considerable trouble on late cars, and will be heard Tuesday in municipal court.

Son Is Made Administrator.—E. W. Minar, a son of the late W. M. Minar, was appointed administrator of the estate by Judge Webster in the county court this morning on the application of the widow, Mrs. Nellie J. Minar. The property consists of a stock of marble and book accounts, amounting in all to \$15,000. The heirs besides the widow are six children, ranging in age from 24 to 10 years, E. W., Edwin L., Bernice B., Ruth, W. Harold and Hazel L. Minar.

Gates Prevent Disaster.—While answering a call yesterday evening in his auto, Dr. A. W. Moore crashed into the gate at the railroad crossing at East Morrison and First streets. The gates are painted white and the physician says he was unable to see that they were lowered until directly upon them. A freight train was passing at the time and the gates undoubtedly saved the doctor's life. No damage was done to the machine.

Festival Subscription Doubled.—A letter doubling their last year's subscription to the Rose Festival association and announcing as well that they intend to do an extensive lot of decorating during the coming festival was received from the Jacobs-Stine company by the Rose Festival association this morning. The Jacobs-Stine company will also take part in the big industrial refreshments which is being planned for next year.

We can conscientiously recommend Kenyon's Cough Remedy for all cases of coughs and colds. Our customers all say it is the best cough medicine they have ever tried. Albert Berni, the druggist, 222 Washington street.

At South Mount Tabor.—South Mount Tabor Improvement club will hold a meeting this evening at the Manual Training school hall on the Section Line road to discuss needed improvements and urge better car service.

Christmas Posters Free.—Consumers' league posters urging early Christmas shopping, which merchants desire for display in their stores, may be obtained free of cost by applying to the office of the Young Woman's Christian Association.

To Christmas Shoppers.—Please buy your presents early; early in the day and early in December. That will be your biggest gift of the holidays—to the workers behind the counters and the delivery wagons.—The Consumers' League.

Schubert's at Y. M. C. A.—The Schubert Symphony club will give one of their popular concerts tonight in the Y. M. C. A. hall, Sixth and Taylor streets. Admission 50c. Members 35c.

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Entertainment and Haulkall Ball tonight at Women of Woodcraft hall, corner Tenth and Taylor streets. Admission 50c, ladies 25c.

Seller Byrnes Co., funeral directors, are now occupying their new building, 594 Williams avenue. Most modern establishment in city.

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

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James Garlick & Co., the house movers; removed to 130 East Water street. Phone East 4427.

Swiss Watch Repairing.—C. Christensen, second floor Corbett bldg., take elevator.

W. A. Wise and associates, painless dentists. Third and Washington.

Dr. Calvin S. White, 501-503 Dekum building. Phone Main 840, A-1238.

Dr. Kaynes, optician, Marquam bldg.

Companies Incorporated.

(Salem Bureau of the Journal.) Salem, Or., Dec. 6.—Articles of incorporation were filed in the office of the secretary of state as follows: Anderson-Gwynn Land & Livestock company; principal office, Ontario; capital stock, \$75,000; incorporators, Charles H. Anderson, Harry L. Anderson and Monte E. Gwin.

MUSICAL PLAYS DRAW BIG HOUSES

Baker Pleases With "Forty-Five Minutes From Broadway." Bungalow Audience Appears to Take Well to the "Soul Kiss."

"Forty-five Minutes From Broadway," tried and true for five seasons, opened a week's engagement at the Baker theatre yesterday, and despite the unusual snow two large audiences were there to greet Kid Burns and Plain Mary.

Besides being a typical Cohan creation as to rapid fire action, there is a plot which deals with a will, political villainy and the triumph of virtue and honesty in the persons of Mary and Charles.

Charles Brown returns in his very clever creation of Kid Burns, the ex-prizefighter, who talks English as it is not and is quite the hero of the plot. He has a jolly good laugh and made a decided hit with his audiences yesterday.

Elizabeth Drew is thoroughly charming as Plain Mary and it is easy to forgive her anything in the way of singing. She showed real dramatic ability when she never presented by and was a happy choice for the part. Louise Gardner made a dainty Flora Dean and Ninon Ristori gave an excellent characterization of her imperious and talkative mother, Eugene MacGregor was pleasant Tom and the comedy of net and James Manning as the villain received rounds of applause which tell their own tale.

Of the songs, "So Long Mary," "Mary Is a Grand Old Name," and "Only Forty-five Minutes From Broadway" have been sung all over the country ever since the piece came out and they have lost none of their popularity. "Forty-five Minutes From Broadway" will be at the Baker all week with the usual matinees.

A large number of Portland people experienced the "Soul Kiss" last night, up at the Bungalow, and from their expressions most of them seemed to like it. It really wasn't such a bad experience.

The "Soul Kiss" has been awaited for some time by the audience to the "Merry Widow" and people who have been listening to the press agent's talk have expected it to have that tinsel combination backed off the stage, but it did not. This is not to say that it is bad, not meaning naughty, for it is full of snap and go, is possessed of beautiful scenery, and pretty costumes worn by fine looking girls.

There are some good songs scattered through the list, but the music of the piece will not keep the neighbors awake listening to the piano in the upstairs. There are no "Merry Widow" waiters down on the program.

What is lost in the list of the songs, however, is made up in a measure by the action of the company, by the skill of Miss Pertina, the European dancer about whose efforts the action revolved, by the good work of Ben Grinnell as J. Lucifer Mephisto, by the winsomeness of Eva Mull and the comedy of George B. Fox as Sol Kheveny.

There is no danger that the board of education will prescribe the soul kiss as a food for the mind. The first scene opens in an artist's studio and from that time on the show is garbed in such wise that it is not hard to make a guess at how much each member weighs. Aside from the one scene where the artist, Maurice, samples the soul kiss there are no harrowing moments.

The "Soul Kiss" will be at the Bungalow for three nights more, with a matinee Wednesday. It is not a bad play to see if you want a spectacle. If you are interested in toe dancing you will see a good exhibition of it. Then it is a good show and a hard one, which gives the will for the deed, and quite a portion of the deed.

SAFE CRACKERS FOILED IN TIME

Watchman Drops in Unexpectedly on Three Daring Criminals.

In the absence of the foreman at the United States laundry, Grand avenue and East Salmon street, Sunday evening, three masked men attempted to crack the safe. They were frightened away by the return of William Anderson, who turned in a police call. The affair occurred about 9 o'clock.



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Anderson had gone to the new laundry building a short distance away. Evidently the three men had been watching the place, and began their job when he left the building. They entered through the rear door, which had been left unlocked by the night watchman. Anderson had locked the front door. Anderson returned in about 10 minutes, and apprehended the three thugs eagerly working upon the combination to the safe. He had unlocked the front door, and was inside before they had noticed him.

One of the safe robbers looked up and saw the foreman coming down the room, and called to his partners. They overpowered Anderson, threw him to one side, and ran out the front door.

Anderson was attempting to get to a telephone when they saw him. No money or anything of value was secured.

Paris has 62 electric streetcar lines, carrying 190,000,000 passengers a year.