TOWN TOPICS

TONIGHT'S AMUSEMENTS

Baker ..... "Red Mill"
Portland ..... "Finnegan's Ball"
Orpheum ..... Vaudeville
Grand ..... Vaudeville
Pantages ..... Vaudeville
Star ..... Moving Pictures

Linen Shower Ending.—From 2 to 5 o'clock this afternoon the general public is cordially invited to attend the tea given at St. Vincent's hospital as the closing feature of the linen shower which has been going on for some time. Yesterday workers were busy listing the linen received so that it will be on exhibition today with the name of the giver on each donation. Those who attend the tea will be given the opportunity of inspecting the new annex. The rooms where the tea is served have been decorated under the direction of Mrs. J. P. O'Brien and Miss M. R. Burke and a splendid musical program will be given by some of Portland's best musicians.

Sought Notoriety.—A desire to go on the stage to gain notoriety is the reason given by the police for the story told by Miss Therese Mosher, who said she was bound and gagged Sunday afternoon in the home of E. R. Gale, 249 Sixth street. She has practically confessed she was never gagged and bound, but did the work herself. The girl has been studying dramatic art at $2 a lesson, and was told by friends she would have to do something to get before the public. This she proposed to do by having her picture in the local newspapers. She has left the Gale home and gone to her parents at 699 Jersey street.

Riot Cases Before Grand Jury.—The present grand jury will be taken to St. Johns next Monday to probe into the Hindu riot cases. This was the announcement today by District Attorney Cameron, and everyone will be subpoenaed to appear before the body. In the probe several city officials will be asked to explain what part they had in the riots, and especially members of the police force. The entire matter will be threshed out at St. Johns, as the expense for the work will be much less than if held in Portland. Deputy District Attorney Garland will assist in the probe.

Ketridge Appointed Secretary.—From Chicago came the announcement today that C. H. Ketridge, who has conducted the "realm of the retailer" department of the Mississippi Valley Lumberman for many years, has been appointed secretary of the American Lumber Trades' congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of A. B. Wastell of this city. The newly appointed secretary is known throughout the United States. The congress was organized two years ago and is composed of lumber manufacturers' and lumber dealers' organizations.

Reduction in Poultry Rates.—The O. R. & N. Co. has announced a reduction in the freight rates on live poultry in carload lots from all points on its lines to Portland. The reductions are about 33 per cent, and apply to live poultry in carload lots, weighing not less than 20,000 pounds. It also provides for a caretaker of the birds. This step has been taken to encourage the poultry raising industry in eastern Oregon. The birds can be sold here to the packers.

Bridge Conference Held.—The bridge committee of the Northeast Side Improvement association held a long conference with Mayor Simon this morning on the proposed vacation of public streets asked for by the O. R. & N. Co. The committee will file a report tomorrow, in which they will set forth the wishes of the association in regard to the vacation question.

Mrs. Shepherd Will Speak.—Mrs. Lulu Shepherd, president of the Utah Woman's Christian Temperance Union, will speak at the Spokane avenue Presbyterian church, Spokane avenue and Seventeenth street, Thursday evening, April 7, at 7:30. Mrs. Shepherd comes well recommended as a forceful speaker. The public is invited to hear her.

Judgment for $100.—A jury in Judge Gantenbein's department of the circuit court yesterday afternoon gave judgment for C. M. Ryan against the Columbia Life & Trust company for $100 on an advertising contract.

Montavilla Alumnae.—The Montavilla Alumnae association will meet in the Montavilla school house at 8 o'clock to discuss plans for receiving and entertaining the forthcoming graduating class. Other business of importance is to be transacted and all members have been requested to be present.

Robbed on Honeymoon.—Frank Meyerhafer and bride from Monmouth, Or., reported yesterday afternoon to the police that they had lost $275 in their room at the St. Charles hotel. They are on their honeymoon. The newly married couple left their room last evening and cannot be found.

Woodlawn Improvement Association.—A meeting of the Woodlawn Improvement association is to be held at Green's hall tonight, at which the presence of all the residents of the section is desired. The extension of the street railway line and several other important matters are to be taken up.

Purse Thief Sentenced.—James Pearce, the man who stole the purse yesterday noon from the home of Mrs. J. C. Eulberg, 1142 Missouri avenue, was given 30 days on the rockpile this morning in the municipal court. He pleaded guilty. The purse contained $2.50.

Sunnyside W. C. T. U.—Sunnyside W. C. T. U. will hold a Francis Willard memorial and reception to new members Thursday, April 7, at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Walker, 1100 East Morrison street, Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Additon will speak. Good music will be a feature.

Stricken With Paralysis.—Joseph Ensminger, watchman for the Portland Gas company, living at East Second and Ankeny streets, was stricken yesterday afternoon with paralysis. He is a pioneer of the city and a veteran of the Civil war.

Visitors' Day Postponed.—Owing to the fact that the schools were closed Wednesday afternoon, visitors' day has been postponed until Thursday afternoon. The public is cordially invited to be present. The school is at Eleventh and Couch streets.

To overcome the distress of aching eyes, you should have Dr. George Rubenstein, expert optician, make you a pair of toric glasses, they will make life worth living to you. Prices reasonable here. 189 Third, opposite Baker theatre.

Mining Congress.—A special meeting of the Oregon branch, American Mining congress, will be held in Convention hall, Commercial club rooms, Wednesday, April 6, at 7:30 p. m.

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

Prof. Ringler has moved to Western Academy, Second and Morrison; dancing daily.

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May Robson Coming to Bungalow. The attraction at The Bungalow theatre next Friday and Saturday nights, April 8-9, with a special price matinee Saturday afternoon, will be May Robson and her supporting company, in the delightful comedy, "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary." Seats are now selling.

AUTO CLUB MEMBERS FOREGATHER TONIGHT

The Portland Commercial club will be the scene of the annual meeting of the Portland Automobile club this evening. An attendance of nearly 75 per cent of the total membership of the club is expected to attend the meeting.

More business is scheduled to come up before tonight's meeting than has ever before been scheduled for a meeting of the club. Besides the annual election of officers, there will be the reading of reports of the officers for the business transacted during the past 12 months, the discussing of plans for the coming year and many other little things.

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G. A. Gibbons, Sacramento, Cal.—The state insectary at Sacramento is shipping millions of lady bugs over the state free of charge to the farmers who are using them to destroy the melon aphides and other fruit destroyers. The express companies are transporting them free of charge. It is estimated that there are more than 50,000,000 lady bugs ready for shipment to the farmers.

Charles W. Davenport, Parowan, Utah—I live in a town of 6000 people and there is neither a bank nor a newspaper in the town. Besides its population of 6000, it is the county seat and has the handsomest court house of any county in the state.

C. A. Broad, Marshfield, Or.—Coos county is about to experience the best boom in its history. Electric railroads and a dozen new enterprises are planned which, if half carried out, will give the county an impetus that nothing can stop. And, of course, we still figure on the railroad coming.

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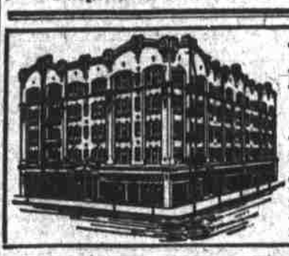

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