TOWN TOPICS

TONIGHT'S AMUSEMENTS

Heilig ..... Florence Roberts in "The Nigger."
Baker ..... "The Honor of the Family."
Bungalow ..... "A Broken Idol."
Orpheum ..... Vaudeville
Grand ..... Vaudeville
Pantages ..... Vaudeville
Lyric ..... "In Morocco"
Star ..... Moving Pictures

Weather Conditions.

Portland, Or., Dec. 15.—A storm of marked intensity is moving southeastward from Alaska, resulting in a decrease of pressure over British Columbia and Washington, and light rain along the Oregon and Washington coast. The eastern storm has intensified and is centered over the St. Lawrence valley. It has caused moderate rain and snow over that section. The weather is 22 to 28 degrees colder this morning in Montana, and over the lower Mississippi and Ohio valleys and on the Atlantic slope temperatures are 2 to 22 degrees higher than yesterday. High pressure still covers the Rocky mountain region, and the Basin plains states where freezing temperatures still obtain. Conditions are favorable for occasional rain tonight and Friday in western Oregon and western Washington and also Friday in northeastern Washington, where the weather will become slightly warmer. Winds will be from the southeast. Along the coast the winds will be brisk shifting to southerly.

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Observer Temporarily in Charge.

Weather Forecast.

Sound—Moderate southeasterly winds. Occasional rain.

Strait and Coast—Brisk southeast winds. Occasional rain.

Portland and vicinity—Occasional rain tonight and Friday. Southeasterly winds.

Oregon—Fair east, occasional rain west portion tonight and Friday. Southeasterly winds, brisk along the coast.

Washington—Fair east, occasional rain west portion tonight. Thursday occasional rain except fair southeast portion. Southeasterly winds, brisk along the coast.

Idaho—Fair tonight and Friday.

Academy of Sciences Supper.—The next meeting of the Oregon Academy of Science will be held next Saturday, December 17, at 5 p. m., at the Young Women's Christian Association building, Seventh and Taylor streets. This meeting will include a supper, to cost 50 cents a plate, immediately after which an address will be given by C. H. Chapman on the "Problem of Taxation." The usual discussion will close shortly before 8 p. m., so that members and their friends can meet their evening engagements. The public are invited and those wishing to attend are requested to advise at once A. L. Knisely, chairman of the program committee, room 310, Worcester building. President J. D. Lee announces the following speakers at the future meetings: President P. L. Campbell and Professor A. R. Sweetser of the University of Oregon; President W. J. Kerr and Professor J. D. Horner of the Oregon Agricultural college; President W. N. Ferrin of Pacific university, and President Fletcher Homan of Willamette university.

Jackson Club Smoker.—The first monthly smoker of the Jackson club, an organization of local Democrats, will be held tomorrow night at the convention hall in the Medical building. Several prominent speakers have been secured for the evening, including Bert E. Haney, chairman of the Democratic state central committee; George H. Thomas, county chairman; Colonel Robert Miller and Alex Sweek, who were both candidates for the state chairmanship. E. S. J. MacAllister will speak on "Club Organization in Politics." Music and other forms of entertainment will be on the program for the evening.

Ad Club Elects Officers.—At the annual meeting of the Portland Ad club held at the Oregon grill yesterday afternoon, the following officers were elected to serve the organization during 1911: President, David N. Mosessohn; vice presidents, C. C. Chapman and A. G. Clark; members of the executive committee, T. B. Wilcox, C. A. Whitemore and C. F. Berg; secretary and treasurer, H. W. Johnson. Following the election of officers, the following made short talks: C. W. Hodson, L. M. Head, E. L. Martin and George N. Black of Los Angeles.

Penney Bros. Friday Special—Our $3 grade of Wines at $1 per gallon. Our $1.50 grade of wines at 75c per gallon. Straight Kentucky Whiskey, 7 years old, regular $4.50, at $2.50 per gallon. Kentucky Whiskey, regular $3.50, at $2.50 per gallon. Our $3 grades of Whiskey, Rum, Gin and Brandy, $2.10 per gallon. Friday only. 379-381 E. Morrison st. Phones—East 287, B-2426. Free delivery.

Push Club Meeting—The Sunnyside Push club, last night at a meeting in the office of Dr. J. A. Pettit, East Thirty-fourth and Belmont streets, indorsed the work of the committee of 50 in its endeavors to obtain legislation putting the members on an elective basis. Matters relating to the Sunnyside school and schools in general were discussed, but no action taken. It was decided to have a petition presented through Councilman Kubli, asking for lights at two or three spots which are now comparatively dark.

First Street to Celebrate—Restoring former trade conveniences, the opening of the new Hawthorne bridge will be particularly welcome to First street merchants. Preparations are being made to celebrate the event on the day the bridge is formerly thrown open to traffic, unless this occurs on Sunday, in which case the celebration will take place Monday. One of the features will be the employment of De Caprio's band, who will play on a street car along First street.

Suggestion for Christmas Gifts—Every man welcomes and appreciates a pretty tie, a box of fine handkerchiefs, a muffler, a pair of gloves. Every lady appreciates kid gloves, silk hosiery, dainty handkerchiefs, the latest styles in neckwear, an umbrella, a silk petticoat. Becker, McLoughlin & Sweeney's, 441 Washington, is the best place to make your purchases, because you are assured that the article is the best for the price offered.

Not in the Combine—Baltimore extra select oysters 40c pint. Fresh crabs 2 for 25c, Columbia river salmon 10c, chicken halibut 10c, rock cod 10c, Norway mackerel 10 and 15c, Holland herring $1.00 keg, Norway sardines 10c can, $1.00 dozen, Atlantic Coast cod, boneless 2 lb. boxes, cod brick, 2 lbs., 20c, hard shell clams 5c pound, razor clams 2 dozen 25c. B-1694, E-418. D. Kellaher and Co.

Investigators to Meet.—The Port of Portland investigating committee will meet tonight at 405 Wells Fargo building for the purpose of discussing several new phases and hearing reports from various committees. The legislation committee, subcommittees on dredging, towage and drydocks, the committee on organization and other committees will make their reports.

Knocked Down by Car—Allen Pirie, ranchman from Cooper, Iowa, was struck by a Rose City Park car yesterday evening at Third and Burnside streets. His right leg was broken and several painful bruises sustained about the head and shoulders. He was taken to the St. Vincent hospital. The accident happened while he was crossing the street.

Special Friday Only.—Don't be deceived. We sell absolutely pure wines and liquors. $1.50 quality port, sherry, angelica and muscatel wine, 75c per gallon; $4 rye and Bourbon whiskey, $2.75 per gallon; $4 brandy, $2.75 per gallon; $4 rum, $2.75 per gallon. National Wine Co., Fifth and Stark. Phone Main 6499. Home A-4499. Delivered.

Suit Dismissed.—The suit of J. O. Hanthorne against the Northern Pacific railway to recover damages for a shipment of salmon alleged to have been spoiled by slow transportation, was dismissed without prejudice in the United States district court today. A suit covering the same grounds is pending in another court.

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Boosters to Meet—The South Portland Boosters club will hold a meeting tonight at St. Lawrence hall at 8 o'clock. At that time plans for the proposed South Portland bridge will be presented to the club for discussion. The South Portland boulevard question will also be discussed.

A Timely Suggestion.—Ladies and children will find Christmas shopping easier and will escape crowds on cars at rush hours if they will arrange to do their shopping so that they may return to their homes not later than 5 o'clock each afternoon.

The store in the air with the price on the level. Men's suits and overcoats at less than wholesale cost. $30.00 suits and overcoats for $17.50; $25.00 values for $13.85. Jimmie Dunn's "Knew" Sample Suit Shop, 315 Oregonian bldg.

Holiday Service Between Portland and Gresham—One extra train each way; leave Gresham 7:15 p. m.; leave Portland 8:15 p. m., daily except Sunday. In effect to and including January 1.

Has Capital of $5000—J. P. O'Brien, R. Blaisdell and James G. Wilson have incorporated the Portland Terminal Investment company, with a capital stock of $5000.

Christmas Photographs — Make the best presents. Have a sitting now by E. W. Moore, Elks' bldg, 7th and Stark streets.

A. Vuillleumier, 280 Alder Street—Diamonds, watches and jewelry, clocks, silverware and cut glass. Store open evenings.

Steamer Jessie Harkins, for Camas, Washougal and way landings, daily except Sunday. Leaves Washington street dock at 3 p. m.

Old Jewelry Wanted.—We buy old gold and silver. Uncle Myer's Collateral Bank, 71 Sixth st., near Oak.

Investigate the price and quality of our goods. Walter A. Lord Co., Jewelers, 111 Sixth street near Washington.

Recommended by highest authorities Weinhard Malt Extract. E-418, B-1694. D. Kellaher & Co.

Watches, Diamonds, Jewelry, W. H. Lesh, 5th floor Pekum Bldg. Open evenings.

Swiss Watch Repairing.—C. Christensen, 2d flr. Corbett bldg. Take Elevator.

There's only one "Columbia Beer," order from D. Kellaher & Co., E-418, B-1694.

C. A. Applegren, atty., has moved from Lewis bldg. to 617 Chamber Commerce.

Oregon Abstract Co., 609 Board Trade. Guaranteed abstracts. Popular prices.

Diamonds.—C. Christensen, second floor Corbett building. Take elevator.

Monuments. Otto Schumann, now located at 2nd and Madison.

Dr. F. M. Brooks, physician and surgeon, Oregonian bldg. Both phones.

Dairy butter 60c. D. Kellaher and Co. E-418.

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

Wooster's for notions. 403 Wash.

Let Us Help You.

Are you unable to locate a particular line of business? The "Business Directory" in the classified section of The Journal may assist you.

JURY BELIEVES WOMAN'S STORY

Gives Mrs. Stella Atherton a Verdict for $485.36 Which She Lent Man.

Believing the testimony of Mrs. Stella Atherton against the denials of George Walling, a well known real estate man, as to money she says she lent him when he was "broke" about six years ago, a jury in the circuit court last night gave her a verdict for $485.36. This is the full amount she sued for, being $350 and interest. The case was tried in Judge Hamilton's department.

Much of the testimony which came out in a former trial in Judge Morrow's department was ruled out by Judge Hamilton, who would not allow Mrs. Atherton to tell much of the circumstances of her friendship with Walling, and would not allow Walling's attorney to go into her history.

The claimant was denounced by Walling as an adventuress. He admitted knowing her in Portland in days when he was less prosperous, but denied that she lent him money or had the money to loan. He also denied that Mrs. Atherton gave him money to "eat on" and bought clothing for him. She said Walling once gave her a note as evidence of the debt, but when she gave it to him for renewal he kept it and gave none in return.

Mrs. Atherton said she met Walling in Missouri. Walling said she did not. A letter of recommendation was placed in evidence in which he testified to her good qualities and said she worked for him in a restaurant in Kansas City. Walling admitted giving the recommendation, but said it was purely fiction. He wanted to help her out, he said. She also admitted that she never worked in a restaurant in Kansas City.

In Judge Gatens' department of the circuit court a verdict was returned for $1167.75 and $150 attorney fees in the case of J. E. Martin against Frank A. Sweeney and Augustus Walker. This is the case in which hostilities between the attorneys were narrowly averted yesterday. Allen R. Joy, appearing for the defendants, threatened to strike W. S. Hufford, representing the other side, and was fined for contempt of court.

PERSONAL

Judge Henry E. McGinn, accompanied by Mrs. McGinn, will leave this evening for Los Angeles to spend the holidays with Judge McGinn's relatives. The Judge will return to Portland a short time before the first of the year in order that he may take his place upon the circuit bench at the beginning of his new term of office.

George C. Bickeley of The Dalles, president of the state board of pharmacy, is at the Seward hotel.

F. W. Sheffield, who introduced the combined harvester into Russia, and who has sold harvesters in nearly every country in the world, is at the Seward. Mr. Sheffield's present home is Spokane.

Alfred J. Benjamin and F. C. Holt of New York are at the Hotel Portland.

C. C. Weatherwax, a pioneer South Bend lumberman, is at the Seward. Mr. Weatherwax operated one of the first sawmills in the Pacific northwest, shipping his machinery from Michigan to New York, and thence around the Horn to the Pacific coast.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bush of Yokohama, Japan, are guests at the Seward.

R. Alexander, one of the prominent merchants of Pendleton, has been visiting friends in Portland for several days. He left yesterday for his home, accompanied by Mrs. Alexander.

New Columbia College Opens.

Milton, Or., Dec. 15.—The opening of the new Columbia college will take place this evening. The building will be open from 7 to 8 for inspection, committees being stationed all over the building for the purpose of showing visitors through the rooms. At 8 o'clock a musical and literary program will be rendered.

United Brethren Conference.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 15.—The semi-annual conference of bishops and officials of the United Brethren church began its sessions in Knoxville today with Bishop Matthews of Chicago, the senior bishop of the church, presiding. The conference will devote itself to the consideration of reports dealing with the Sunday school, publication, missionary and other activities of the church.

Petroleum and iron have been found in Syria in sufficient quantities to warrant their exploitation by a native company.