

Town Topics

TONIGHT'S AMUSEMENTS

BAKER—The Girl With the Golden Vest.
LYRIC—The Girl With the Golden Vest.
ORPHEUM—Orpheum circuit vaudeville.
PANTAGES—Vaudeville.
EMPIRE—Sullivan & Considine vaudeville.
PEOPLES—Motion pictures.

Weather Conditions.

Portland and vicinity—Fair this afternoon and tonight; colder tonight; Wednesday, rain; westerly winds, shifting to southerly.

Oregon—Fair tonight; colder except near the coast; Wednesday, fair, increasing cloudiness followed by rain; Thursday, westerly winds, shifting to southerly.

Washington—Fair tonight; colder east portion; Wednesday, fair, rain; Thursday, southwest shifting to southeast winds.

Idaho—Fair tonight; colder north portion; Wednesday, fair.

EDWARD A. BEALE,
 District Forecaster.

City Prisoners to Kelly Butte—Deputy District Attorney Page was asked this morning by the county court to investigate the custom of officials in the municipal court of sending all men arrested for vagrancy to the county reformatory. Superintendent Eichel of Kelly Butte reported to the court that he cannot handle more men, as his place has been filled with vagrants from the municipal court. The method in vogue at the municipal court is to charge each man held on a vagrancy complaint with a state charge. Formerly the city ordinance was used against such persons arrested, and the city took care of the prisoners. The county court is now feeding and caring for the cases under question.

\$50,000 Damage Suit—Trial of the suit of George E. Blum against the Leonard Construction company was commenced in federal court this morning. Blum was injured at the base of the brain and in the spine by a fall received while working as a carpenter in the John Deer building for which the Leonard Construction company had the contract. He seeks damages in the sum of \$50,000, alleging that the fall totally incapacitated him from ability to work, and that the hole through which he fell was left uncovered in violation of law.

Apprentice Engraver—The United States civil service commission announces an examination on February 7, to secure eligibles from which to make certification to fill a vacancy in the position of advanced apprentice engraver, at \$700 per annum, in the hydrographic office of the bureau of navigation, navy department, and vacancies requiring similar qualifications as they may occur in any branch of the service. For information apply to Z. A. Leigh, post-office department.

Seamen's Friend Concert—The regular concert will be given this evening at the Seamen's Friend Society's institute, Third and Flanders streets, beginning at 8 o'clock. An excellent program has been arranged as follows: Contralto solo, Miss Myrtle Hanson; soprano solo, Miss Hattie Ott; baritone solo, Ralph Lee; contralto solo, Miss Rose Freidel; soprano solo, Miss Leah Slusser; comedy sketch, by members of the crew of the German ship Maria, chorus by German sailors.

Watch, Fob Stolen—Mrs. G. O. Campbell of 105 Fifteenth street reported to the police last night that her home was robbed and that a watch and fob were taken. The thief is said to have left the kitchen by a window but it is not known how entrance to the place was gained. The woman, who has a nephew, with whom she is said to have had trouble, left the place last night about the time the robbery is said to have been committed.

Verdict for \$1454—A verdict for \$1454 damages in favor of the St. Johns Lumber company for contract of purchase violated by the G. F. Neame Co., was returned by a jury in federal court this morning. W. C. Bristol, attorney for the lumber company, moved for the verdict to be set aside on the ground that it is a compromise in violation of law. Thirty days were given in which to argue the motion. Approximately \$3000 was asked.

\$1000 Claim Allowed—A claim of \$1000 was allowed Jackson & Gillette, architects, yesterday by County Judge Cleton for plans drawn for a building at Grand avenue and East Davis streets proposed by H. D. Winters, deceased. The original claim was for \$1850. It was contended by the architects that the deceased asked for the plans early last year, but a few months before his death changed his intention of building.

Borrowed Auto for Joy Ride—G. R. O'Neill was arrested last night by Sergeant Stahl and Patrolman Stanton at Williams avenue and Russell street, for taking an automobile from in front of the Hellig theatre last night. The machine was returned to the owner, J. M. Mann, a printer. When the car came for trial this morning, Mann refused to appear against the boy.

Cigarette Smoker Fined—Paul Perwick, a strikebreaker at the Brooklyn shop, was arrested this morning by Sergeant Lyons for smoking a cigarette on the street and refusing to put it out when ordered to do so by the conductor. The man was this morning fined \$10 by Judge Taswell. Sentence was suspended at the request of Sergeant Lyons.

Payroll Increased—Mayor Rushlight yesterday signed all the recent appropriate ordinances passed by the council. The measures provide for increases to the payroll that will add about \$4000 to the annual salary stipends of municipal employees.

Charged With Stealing Auto—The first man to be indicted this year for stealing an automobile is George Schmiedek, who is accused in a true bill returned today in the circuit court. Lar-

QUOTH THE PESSIMIST



"It surely must be hard on the moving picture actors to live in luxury on the films, and then patronize bean houses on their own hook."

ony is the charge. The machine belongs to A. L. Fish, who left it on the street in front of the Arlington club on the evening of January 20. Schmiedek and a party of friends saw the machine, took charge of it, and drove to Vancouver, Wash., where they were apprehended by the police. An indictment was returned against C. S. Russell, in which he is charged with passing a bogus check on R. W. Brown, a charge of larceny is also contained in an indictment against Attorney C. H. Libby. He is accused of retaining \$250 in a real estate transaction handled for a client.

Two Small Fires—Two small fires claimed the attention of the fire department last night, one alarm coming as the department was busy at the big fire at Sixth and Washington streets. Shortly after 11 o'clock last night a fire from an unknown origin broke out in a second hand store owned by Gross & Horenstein at 27 1/2 North Third street, and \$150 damage was done before the blaze was extinguished. Earlier in the evening a fire started in a rubbish pile at 53 North Sixth street at the place occupied by the Gem Jewelry company, but the damage there was very small.

Sunken Rose Garden—A communication filed with the city engineer by Dr. Emmet Drake, secretary of the Rose Festival association, invites the mayor and city council to attend the dedication of the Peninsula park sunken rose garden on the afternoon of Washington's birthday. The letter states that these gardens will eventually be the finest of their kind on the Pacific coast.

Three Pass Examination—The city civil service commission today certified the names of three men who successfully passed the examination held to secure eligibles for the position of deputy electrical inspector. One of these three will be appointed by Mayor Rushlight. The names are: Walter E. Roberts, Jesse S. Gilke, Frank L. Crookwell.

Workman Injured—G. W. Grove, employed by the city water department at Sixty-ninth street and Powell Valley road this morning sustained a broken arm while working in a ditch when an iron pipe which was being laid fell on him. The leg was broken at the knee. The Red Cross ambulance was summoned and the man was rushed to St. Vincent's hospital.

Candidate for Coroner—Dr. Earl Smith, 531 Marshall street, today filed his declaration of intention to be a candidate for coroner in the April primary election on the Republican ticket. His business like, economical administration, with equal justice to all, are the features of his platform.

Policeman's Bond Stands—The United States Fidelity and Guaranty company has withdrawn its notice of the cancellation of the bond of Joe S. Morak, a special police officer. In a communication addressed to the city auditor the company states the bond still holds good.

Offers City Bear Cub—H. B. Sprague of Karik, Alaska, in a letter to the city park board offers two Kodiak bear cubs to the city for \$250 a piece. The young bears, he says, will weigh 140 pounds a piece. The communication has been filed in the city auditor's office.

To Regulate Traffic—Councilman John H. Burgard announced yesterday at an informal conference with the automobile registry board that he would soon introduce in the council a new ordinance regulating automobile and pedestrian traffic.

Portland Swimming Baths for men and women and children, open daily, 25c. Completely renovated. Expert for instruction. 167 Fourth st.

The Oregon Rose Camp will give a masquerade ball Thursday, February 1, at Miers hall, Williams and Russell. Excellent prizes and music.

To Address Strikers—Mrs. Rev. Ehrigott and John J. Suttons will tomorrow at 2 o'clock address the striking shoemakers in room 401 in the Labor Temple.

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Last Few Days, of Jimmy Dunn's clearance sale. Closing out the goods, raincoats and overcoats at reduced prices. \$12.50 to \$25.00 values marked \$14.75 are now \$10. Take elevator to room 315 Oregonian building.

Socialist Lecture, J. E. OSBURN, the "Blind Orator" of California, will deliver a lecture on "Social Democracy" tonight at 8 o'clock in Simola's hall at Laurewood station (Mount Scott carline). Admission free.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

"What Can the Poor Man Do?"

Portland, Jan. 27.—To the Editor of The Journal.—The many letters that have appeared in your columns since the publication of my article under the above heading three weeks ago, indicate that the subject of providing young men and women with an opportunity of becoming acquainted is of more than passing interest. While the writers have all voiced the same sentiment expressed by me, many of them have wandered considerably, and some have engaged in a little mud-slinging. I have but little patience with the man or woman who seeks to belittle the opposite sex—there are all kinds and conditions on both sides, and none of us have much to brag about. There are plenty of manly young men and womanly young women, but this is the very class who have the least opportunity of meeting each other. The young man who is forward in his manner has no trouble meeting the girl who is careless, but the modest young man, who respects every young lady as his sister, seldom meets the girl whose soul rebels at caprice—womanly—and so they must both, when they become desperate, and in one move lose all that trait which makes happy homes and robs the divorce court of business.

The plaint in my last letter was not inspired so much from personal desires, as from a realization of the plight of others similarly situated. I have talked with middle-aged men and women who from one cause or another are single, and they all bewail their inability to make desirable acquaintances with the opposite sex. I have seen girls in the twenties crying because of their loneliness, and young men drift into the sea of great despair over the paucity of their feminine associations.

The class of young people complained of by "G. M. P." in your issue of the thirteenth and "P. M. G." on the eighteenth, are not a type, but an effect of our present system of education. Some diversion, and no diversion is so deadly as that taken in desperation. The average young man will take up with what he can get, if he cannot get what he wants—and the average young lady is but a human being.

Darra More's two articles on the subject were to the point, and for the most part good, but when she attempted to advise "G. M. P." she showed that she had not read "G. M. P." letter very closely, and forgets that her own endowments and environments are very different from those of most girls. Her articles show that she is a woman of more than ordinary attainments, a thinker, and not a dreamer, but she is a little too much of a theorist, and a little too much of a philosopher. Such women, and such men, have no trouble finding plenty of acquaintances—some have more than they care for. But these are not all the virtues.

Many of our best mothers could not write an article for the paper or talk with men in everyday business, and they would have experienced as much success in traveling about the world as "Darra More" has. Many a girl has failed utterly, who would have made a good mother had she but met a man her equal.

Many attempts have been made in eastern cities to solve this problem, but have failed because of too much fostered care by self-appointed guardians, or too much sectarianism. Churches have organized "matrimonial bureaus" and "courtship parlors," but what self-respecting man or woman would care to be seen in them? An organization to succeed in this regard must be founded

upon broad principles. It must recognize the fact that a person may desire company without being "crazy to get married," that it must reach a class of people who are both old and young, and a variety of amusements should be afforded, and its meetings made entertaining and instructive. This could be done with but little expense for there is amateur talent in all lines to compete very well with the cheap theatres—most everyone likes to sing or listen, recite, play cards or dance. Many would object to the latter two, but the fact remains that they have more vociferous than all other amusements combined, and because the church has put a ban upon them accounts largely for its failure to reach the large number. I believe in the churches, and think that the church parlors would be the proper place for these meetings to be held, for this in itself would be a notice to that class who take advantage of such movements, that their presence was not desired.

Such an organization should be formed in Portland. Darra More would be a good leader. Her experience has been broad enough to make her realize that young people who have reached the age of discretion cannot be coaxed or driven, but can be led by judicious handling into proper paths.

L. B. D.

Lo, the Poor Widow!

Portland, Jan. 28.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Like other opponents of single tax, The Oregonian is overworking the "poor widow" who lives in a \$40 shanty on a \$25,000 lot, next door to the millionaire who has a \$50,000 mansion on a \$25,000 lot. Queer how many "poor" widows own \$25,000 lots. How poor is a "poor widow" who owns a lot of that value?

That "poor widow" has a remarkable physical and financial constitution. From 1830 to the end of the Civil war her dear friends and protectors were pleading for the retention of chattel slavery on the ground that freedom for the slaves meant "confiscation of the property of the poor widow whose sole support is her few slaves." She was kept busy posing as a parasite of slavery.

Deprived of her slaves, she showed that she was no slouch as a financier. Penniless, and without a crust upon which to lay her head, she invested tens and hundreds of millions of dollars in railroad stocks and bonds, and when the interstate commerce bill and the railroad rate bill were in congress she was trotted out to melt tears from wooden headed congressmen. "All her little savings are in railroad stocks and bonds," it was said, "and if congress touch railroads she will be ruined."

Congress enacted the laws, ruined the poor widow, and she turned her lost millions into valuable lands and city lots. Now she is to be ruined again, by single tax. But why mourn for her? She is accustomed to being ruined. She has dug herself out of so many financial bottomless pits that there is no need for her friends and protectors to worry about her. What's the financial ruin to a "poor widow" who, though crushed to earth, has more elasticity than truth, and shows all the symptoms of an exclusive diet of financial hounding powder?

In the Oregonian office she holds a continuous lodge of sorrow over the prospect of single tax. This is her rainy season, and she uses the Oregonian as the receptacle for her tears.

But look closely and you see that the sad, terrified face peering out of the "poor widow's" weeds, like the face of a hunted fawn, is the saintly phis of H. L. Pittcock. His skirt is made of the editorial page of the Oregonian, out bias. Under one arm he holds his block 215, worth \$150,000 in 1910 and assessed only \$502.00 that year. It is now being trained by him to star during the campaign of 1912 as "The Poor Widow's Little Home." It's hot stuff and guaranteed to melt any audience.

Behold that skirt, lined up in shivering phantoms; are the poor timber land "widows" and the poor franchise corporation "widows." Like charity, that skirt covers a multitude of sins and some sinners. And as we gaze the wonder still abides.

That one poor skirt can cover all its hides. It is said that Jefferson Davis almost escaped from pursuing federal soldiers by disguising himself in female apparel. By disguising himself as a "poor widow," without a rag except a \$500,000 block of land, Mr. Pittcock hopes to escape the pursuing single tax. The spectacle is thrilling enough to turn Mother Goose aside from her editorial work on the Oregonian and tempt her to write:

There is a poor widow who lives on a block worth \$500,000, but concealed by her frock. Disaster she sees, and tries vainly to block it—'Tis a rush of the dread single tax to the pocket.

W. G. EGGLESTON.

Approves John Irwin's Idea.
 Portland, Jan. 28.—To the Editor of The Journal.—The letter of John Irwin, published in your issue of the 26th, is a description of "General Tom Thumb" and three other dwarfs with him, viz. his wife, "Commodore" Nutt and Minnie Warren, sister of Mrs. Thubert. If I am not mistaken, it was in October, 1886 that the above troupe gave exhibitions at the Oregon state fair grounds near Salem. I well remember their several looks and actions and with pleasure make mention of them as an interesting event in pioneer history.

CYRUS H. WALKER.

Loyalty.
 Portland, Jan. 28.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Loyalty—First, faithfulness to government; second, faithfulness to a friend or to duty; third, fidelity, faith, adherence to right or truth, to a promise given. So according to Webster our word "loyal" is full of meaning and he commonly used with us sometimes when we do not fully understand its full meaning.

Sometimes we feel strongly in our loyalty. Take our political faith, we could only be of one party. Our loyalty or duty would not let us be a Republican and a Democrat at the same time. Although we sometimes meet with men who do not seem to know which they are, so we put them down as not loyal to party. This is one extreme. The other extreme is to be a party man, who ever heard of

a person belonging to two churches at one time? We as a general thing are very loyal to the church of our choice, yet the fundamental principles of all churches are the same.

As to our government, who can ever forget; who would want to forget the friends and schoolmates that answered when "Uncle Abe" called, with "Here I am." Now of my schoolmates the winter before the war between the states there were 12 boys almost men in our school in our country neighborhood, and by another winter they were at the front where duty, loyalty called them. When I was back a few years ago to the old home place, I visited the graves of these boys, and there were more of my friends there than living. I visited Jim's, the color bearer's grave, and there was the little faded flag of Memorial day. As soon as I saw it I remembered his dying saying, "Boys, I never let the old flag trail in the dust." Poor Jim, brave Jim, gone to your reward for your loyalty.

Loyal, who could doubt our loyalty? We who have faith in our hearts what duty, loyalty had cost us in our loyalty to our government. And as God has put it in our hearts to be loyal to our country and to him, let us prove to others that we are loyal by being true friends of that country.

H. B. COMPTON, W. H. C. No. 51.

Famous Dwarfs Visited Oregon.
 Albany, Or., Jan. 28.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I was much interested in reading in last evening's Journal, under the name of "Seven Famous Dwarfs," a description of "General Tom Thumb" and three other dwarfs with him, viz. his wife, "Commodore" Nutt and Minnie Warren, sister of Mrs. Thubert. If I am not mistaken, it was in October, 1886 that the above troupe gave exhibitions at the Oregon state fair grounds near Salem. I well remember their several looks and actions and with pleasure make mention of them as an interesting event in pioneer history.

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