

EARLING BRINGS 20 CAPITALISTS OUT

Says Milwaukee Contemplates Line Through Olympic Peninsula.

(Special to The Journal.)
Seattle, Wash., April 29.—Bringing with him a score of prominent eastern capitalists, who are making a tour of Washington, Idaho and Montana, with a view of investment, President A. J. Earling of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, arrived here Saturday night in his special car. Included in the party are William E. Carter, former president of the United States steel corporation, and also C. H. Smith, vice president of the Guaranty company of New York; J. W. Harriman, vice president of the Harriman National bank of New York; D. E. Pomeroy, president of the Bankers' Trust company of New York; J. A. Millman, vice president of the National City bank and the Rockefeller bank of New York; A. Monell, president of the International Nickel company of New York; S. L. Fuller and F. L. Foster, New York financiers; Percy Rockefeller, director and heavy stockholder in the Milwaukee system and a nephew of John D. Rockefeller; J. H. Perkins, vice president of the National Commercial bank of Albany, N. Y.; J. B. Ward, a financier of Philadelphia, and J. H. Spoor, Chicago street railway magnate.

Upon his arrival, President Earling admitted that the object of this entire of capitalists in inspecting the western country is to investigate opportunities for investment and returns thereon in projected branch and terminal construction by railroads in general and the Milwaukee in particular. Two important extensions contemplated by the Milwaukee are a line through the Olympic peninsula from Port Townsend west and also the projected road between Seattle and Vancouver, B. C.

TO ESTABLISH HOME FOR ORPHAN BOYS

While appreciating the offer of the city of Astoria to donate the former normal school grounds and buildings for the purpose of forming a nucleus for a high class boys' school, the trustees of the Bishop Scott school have decided to give up all thought of establishing such a school and will devote the revenue from this fund to providing a home in Portland where orphan boys will be given a chance to secure an education and the advantages of home life. Except for the religious influence and teachings no instruction will be provided at the home. The public schools and high schools of Portland will be depended upon for secular instruction.

At the meeting of the trustees last Thursday evening Dr. A. A. Morrison of Trinity church and Rev. C. W. Robinson of Oregon City were appointed a committee to make arrangements for such a home and will at once seek out a suitable location. What is desired is a large house within walking distance of one of the high schools and some grammar school. The committee is also looking for a suitable Episcopal clergyman, married, who with his wife will take charge of the home.

The revenue of the fund at present is about \$3000 and this will increase during the next few years to about \$8000. It is planned to take in about 10 boys at first and to keep increasing the number as rapidly as possible. The home is not to be a refuge home nor a reformatory, but a real home for boys who are denied it otherwise and for boys who are really and earnestly desirous of the advantages of education and home life.

In addition to the life in the city during the school season the home will provide a summer home at the farm which the school board owns in Yamhill county. Here the boys will be given all of the outdoor life they desire during the summer with a small amount of summer school work.

"We sincerely appreciate the generosity of the Astorian people," said Bishop Scadding, "but do not feel that it is possible to finance a school at present such as the Astorian people wish."

A project for the deepening of the Hudson river so that ocean going vessels can ascend to Troy and Albany, N. Y., 150 miles from the sea, is being considered by government and state engineers.

FINDS LECTURES OF VALUE TO PUPILS



Principal F. M. Nash of Rainier, Or., schools.

(Special to The Journal.)
Rainier, Or., April 29.—A practical lecture course for his school without the ordinary appendage of a heavy bill from a lyceum company is one of the many new ideas worked out by F. M. Nash, principal of the Rainier school. A local banker gave the first lecture to the students on "The Value of Economy in a Student's Life." Father Brunelle of the local Catholic church, lectured on "The Value of Industrial Work in the Schools." Rev. C. T. Cook addressed the pupils on "Character Building," and Mrs. Eugene Allen, formerly an instructor in the University of Idaho, spoke on "Home Decoration."

Principal Nash has taught his pupils the value and privileges of the United States department's literature. He has them observe the nature and habits of the birds each season as soon as they appear in the spring, and develops love for literature by having the pupils make fancy note books. Segregating pupils who fail and drop back by creating special classes is another advanced educational idea which Mr. Nash has worked out with excellent results.

GROUND FOR CHURCH IS BROKEN AT BEACH

Ground was broken yesterday afternoon by Henry F. Reed for St. Margaret's church, Catholic, at Gearhart, Or., before about 100 Portlanders, members of the Knights of Columbus, who made the trip to the beach resort. The weather was cloudy and frequent showers made the occasion less pleasant than had been anticipated, but the ceremony was solemn and in keeping with the weather. W. F. O'Brien of Astoria spoke shortly in behalf of the Knights of Columbus, and Father Thompson, pastor of the new church, spoke a few words.

The excursion left Portland Saturday afternoon and arrived by the ocean in time to take a plunge in the big tank. The weather was too forbidding for dips in the ocean to be enjoyed. In the evening a dance was held at the hotel, which was greatly enjoyed.

RESCUE GUESTS IN LODGING HOUSE FIRE

Several persons dressed only in their night clothes had to be carried out of the Willamette rooming house early yesterday morning, when the hall and rooms were filled with smoke, caused by a small fire in the basement of the building. The police who arrived on the scene shortly before the fire apparatus were instrumental in rescuing the roomers.

The fire was discovered shortly after 2 o'clock by Patrolman Mallon, who noticed the smoke issuing from the basement doors. By the time that he had reached the upper floors and had started to arouse the roomers, the halls were filled with heavy black smoke. He made several trips to the street, assisting women who were hysterical. When the patrol wagon arrived on the scene, Mallon was found stumbling down the stairs. He had to be assisted to the sidewalk. Patrolmen Shafer and Rupert and Captain Keller had to break down several doors, before the remaining lodgers were aroused and assisted to the street.

Little damage was done by the fire, all of the amount lost being covered by insurance.

SIGN OF CROSS OPENS AT BAKER

Drama Deals With Rise of Christianity—Adventures of Martyrs.

From the cold snows of Alaska to the tropic clime of the land where rolls the cloudy Tiber and from the environment of the twentieth century back to the days of Nero and ancient Rome, is the transition at the Baker theatre since last week. The capable stock company opened yesterday with a presentation of "The Sign of the Cross," a religious drama dealing with the rise of Christianity and the terrible adventures of the early martyrs.

The play tells the story of Merula, a noble Roman woman, who becomes converted to Christianity and is persecuted by various nobles, over whom she triumphs, only to be killed in the arena at the last by order of the brutal Nero. Merula's great beauty attracts a number of vicious libertines, favorites of the emperor. She is saved from these by Marcus Superbus, a renowned Roman prefect. Marcus, in turn, becomes enamored. He holds the girl a captive in his house and for a time keeps up an unrelenting attack to win her love. His efforts are repulsed until he goes mad with passion. At an opportune moment Merula escapes Marcus, who is portrayed by the appearance of a flaming cross from heaven.

Marcus then resolves to ask Merula to be his wife. Jealous courtiers inform the emperor that Marcus is shielding a hated Christian. The blood-thirsty Nero orders the girl to be wrapped in pitch and burned as a torch to light the gladiatorial combat staged for his amusement. The role of Merula is portrayed with earnest simplicity by Maud Leone, who is especially fitted for that kind of a character. Walter Gilbert contributes what little comedy the "Sign of the Cross" affords, in the part of Glabius, a drunken roisterer of Marcus' entourage. Ruth Lechner, as Stephanus, a little boy who meets death with 200 other Christians thrown to a band of starving lions, enacted a sympathy compelling part.

The costumes and scenery of the production are elaborate in the extreme and reflect great credit on the enterprise of Manager Baker. The "Sign of the Cross" will flash all week at the Baker.

MURDER SUSPECT'S WEAPONS IDENTIFIED

The burglary of Frank Bishop's hardware store at Goble, Or., December 27, is now laid to H. E. "Jack" Roberts, who is held for shooting Donald Stewart and George Haskins, drunks roisterers of Marcus' entourage. Bishop came to Portland Saturday and identified the Winchester pump gun, revolver, shot gun belt, hunting knife, razor and match box found on Roberts when arrested by Sheriff Stevens and his deputies. Bishop gave the number and descriptions of the articles which were taken from his store at Goble. Bishop further identified Roberts as a man hanging around the store on the afternoon of the burglary. Stolen from the store on that night were 10 razors, one half dozen jack knives of "Zenith" make, one 3030 Savage revolver, one rim fire 44 Winchester gun, two compasses, one search light and an alarm clock.

ENGLISH CHORUS GIRLS TRILL FOR MORE COIN

(United Press Leased Wire.)
London, April 29.—The minimum wage proposition, which played so important a part in the recent coal strike, has reached the chorus girls. The vocalists branch of the Amalgamated Musicians' union, which includes most of London's chorus girls, is today pressing for the following minimum wage:

Week of six evening performances, \$9; each matinee \$1.

Artists on tour are to have their return railway fares paid, and no agents' or other commission is to be deducted from their pay, if it be the minimum.

Caruso in "Golden West Girl."
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Paris, April 29.—Enrico Caruso, the tenor, it is understood, will be the principal in an opera company which will present the "Girl of the Golden West" here in May, for the first time, the proceeds of the engagement to go to the French government for the purpose of purchasing aeroplanes.

CELEBRATION TO BE HELD AT CHAMPOEG THURSDAY

The seed of Oregon's provisional government was planted seventy years ago next Thursday, a day which is the sixty-ninth anniversary of the birth of American civil government on the Pacific coast as well as in Oregon. One hundred and two persons assembled at the meeting at which provisional government was organized.

This organization performed every function of the national government of the United States until March 3, 1843, when the Oregon territorial government was set up by the proclamation of Governor Joseph Lane, an appointee of President Polk, by which act Oregon was formally admitted to the sisterhood of the states and territories of the United States.

The fifty-two persons who voted for organization on the evening of May 2, 1843, came to Oregon from the following states and countries: Alabama, 1;

Canada, 2; Connecticut, 4; District of Columbia, 1; England, 4; Indiana, 1; Kentucky, 1; Maine, 1; Massachusetts, 4; New Hampshire, 1; New York, 3; North Carolina, 1; Ohio, 1; Pennsylvania, 4; Vermont, 1; unspecified, 9—total, 43. Those who voted against organization for the most part were French Canadian and formerly connected with the Hudson's Bay company. Practically all of these, however, as soon as the organization was perfected, gave it their hearty support, and as soon as possible became naturalized citizens. For the twelfth time this important event is to be celebrated under the auspices of F. X. Matthies, Cable of Native Sons of Oregon. Ex-Governor T. T. Gear will act as president of the day, and the principal address will be given by Frederick Y. Mainman, of this city, president of the Oregon Historical society. Hon. F. X. Matthies, the only person now living who was present 69 years ago, and who voted for organization, will be present, notwithstanding he has retired upon his 85th year. Champeog can be easily reached by boat leaving foot of Taylor street at 6:45 a. m., or by electric car from North Bank depot at 9:15 a. m. which will reach Wilsonville in time to intercept the boat at 11 a. m. Returning, boat will leave Champeog at 4 p. m. and connect with cars at Wilsonville. All who should provide themselves with Jacobson. This trip is a most delightful one at this season of the year.

WHITE SALMON TO VOTE ON LICENSE QUESTION

(Special to The Journal.)
White Salmon, Wash., April 29.—A petition with 11 signatures has been presented to the council for a special election on the matter of license, and June 11 is the date set for the vote. White Salmon has never had saloons there are none in Klickitat county, and with the women voting the probability is that it will remain a dry county for some time.

Auto Truck as Freight Carrier.
White Salmon, Wash., April 29.—With a four ton auto truck, W. W. Swan is making round trips to Trout Lake, 30 miles away, and demonstrating that freighting may be done by this method 25 per cent less than by team. With better highways, this cost can be lowered and do much in the still further development of the valley.

SETTER AT DOG POUND LOOKS AS GOOD AS \$1000 ONE IN SHOW

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Tacoma, Wash., April 29.—The Tacoma Times printed a picture of a \$1000 English setter at the dog show and a \$2 English setter at the dog pound, as a little human interest story. The dog at the pound looked as good as the one in the show. The second came today when after Poundmaster Fuller was all but overwhelmed with telephone calls from people who wanted the dog named, Mrs. John Rosenthal dashed up in an automobile and fell on the dog's neck. "Give a lot better than the dog at the show," she said. "He's worth easily \$1000. She wanted to reward Fuller with a \$1000 in addition to the \$2 pound fee."

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