

RESERVATIONS FOR ROMEO AND JULIET BENEFIT ARE COMING

Opera Proceeds to Go to the Baby Home; All Performers Donate Services.

Several boxes have already been reserved for the performance of the opera "Romeo and Juliet," to be given Thursday night, February 24, at the Helig theatre.

The MacDowell club has spoken for one box and other clubs have signified their intention to do likewise.

The proceeds will go to the Baby Home which sustained a loss of \$600 last month when snow storm prevented a large attendance at the three performances of the opera.

Popular prices will prevail this time, \$1 being the maximum.

The opera association met last night at Central library and perfected plans for the scheduled event.

Youth Hands Down His Own "Decision"

Kid Prefers Father to Mother so Court Makes Ruling Allowing Father Legal Custody of the Lad.

Kenneth Webber, 8 years old, yesterday handed down a decision in his own behalf in the circuit court. Incidentally, the lad settled what for months has threatened to become a kidnapping issue.

Afterward the little fellow admitted to the court that it was not so much affection for "dad" that swayed his decision as it was love for a half brother who lives at the home of the pater.

By the terms of a divorce decree rendered in her favor last October, Mrs. Grayce W. McClain has custody of Kenneth, George, an older son of Jacob Webber by a former wife, was given to the father.

Kenneth and George Webber had romped together almost since birth, and the severing of family ties nearly broke the hearts of the lads.

Former Press Agent In Canadian Army

John E. Webber Resigns New York Job to Accept Lieutenantcy in Expeditionary Forces.

John E. Webber, press representative of the Eastman Kodak company at Rochester, N. Y., has resigned to take a lieutenant's commission in the Canadian expeditionary forces in Europe.

This information comes in letters from him to Portland friends, and Mr. Webber is a Canadian. He is a newspaper correspondent, magazine writer and dramatic critic, and covered New York theatres for 10 years for Canadian and London papers.

He is an ex-member of the Canadian militia, and asked for a commission at the beginning of the war.

He expects to get to the front in perhaps six months.

Riley to Speak on Naval Base Plans

Portland Member of Committee of Naval League to Address Mass Meeting of the Citizens of Astoria.

Frank Branch Riley, member of the Oregon committee of the Naval League of the United States, will address a patriotic mass meeting of the citizens of Astoria, and the lower Columbia river tonight in the opera house at Astoria, upon the invitation of the naval base committee.

Mr. Riley will present arguments for the proposed naval base of the first class at the mouth of the Columbia river and for adequate coast defenses, and will talk generally upon the question of preparedness.

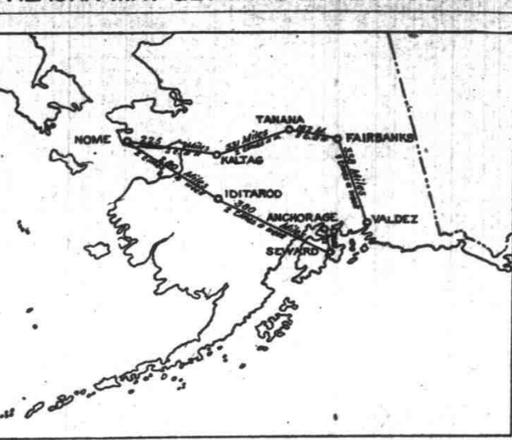
The Portland Chamber of Commerce has endorsed the activities of the naval base committee, with headquarters at Astoria, and Mr. Riley will officially represent the chamber at this meeting.

W. Montgomery Is Dead at St. Johns

Engineer Passes Away as Result of Heart Disease; Funeral and Interment Held at Warrenton, Or.

William Lewis Montgomery, engineer, 63 years old, who died at his home, 418 North Kellough street, St. Johns, was born in Kentucky in 1852.

ALASKA MAY GET MAIL BY AIR ROUTE



Aeroplane routes proposed by postoffice department.

Washington, Feb. 16.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Aeroplane mail carriers, winging their way over Alaskan wastes and bringing the interior of Alaska from three to six weeks nearer the outside world, are envisioned by the postoffice department in plans it has made, calling for bids for seven flying mail routes in the far north.

Not only is it proposed to annihilate distance, but strong hopes are entertained that air service will be offered at lower cost to the government than the present expenditures for carrying mails by river steamers or by the few existing railroads. Mining men are keenly interested, and it is said that private interests have been seriously considering the establishment of aero service, with mail service contracts, as a commercial enterprise.

The principal proposed air route for which bids are invited is from Valdez to Fairbanks, three times a week each way, with two days allowed for the trip. Other routes are from Fairbanks to Tanana, Tanana to Kaltag, Kaltag to Nome, Seward to Iditarod, Iditarod to Nome, and from Seward to Anchorage.

Excluding the "short trip" from Seward to Anchorage, the routes connect up with each other in such way as to provide through service from Valdez to Nome via Fairbanks, Tanana and Kaltag, and from Seward to Nome via Iditarod. The present cost of mail service through these points is approximately \$255,000 a year for a summer service.

The proposed air service is for the year through. Bids are to be opened May 12 and service to begin on October 1, 1916.

Cornelius Honored By State Hotelmen

Proprietor of Local Hotel Elected President of Association; Columbia Highway Regulations Are Discussed.

Dr. C. W. Cornelius, proprietor of the Cornelius hotel, was elected president of the Oregon State Hotelmen's association yesterday afternoon to fill the unexpired term of Roy O. Yates.

Mr. Yates, who was formerly president of the Multnomah Hotel company, tendered his resignation recently, with the closing of the Multnomah, he was no longer actively engaged in the hotel business.

Following the election members of the association met with the city council and committees from the chamber of commerce and the Portland Automobile club to discuss a proposed ordinance regulating public conveyances on the Columbia highway.

Insurance Lapsed; Barber Shop Burns

South Bend, Wash., Feb. 16.—Starting in a pile of papers in the rear of a barber shop owned by Charles Welter, a fire which caused a loss of \$1200 started at 3 a. m. today. It was finally controlled by volunteer firemen after an hour's hard work.

Mr. Welter is a Canadian. He is a newspaper correspondent, magazine writer and dramatic critic, and covered New York theatres for 10 years for Canadian and London papers.

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"Hypochondriacs of misfortune, that's all," says Dr. McCauley. They made money!

"Hypochondriacs of misfortune—that's what I call them," declared Dr. Frank McCauley, pounding meaningfully his fist on the table in the Journal building, by way of emphasis.

"Here in this room I've diagnosed the hard times cry of a dozen of my friends, and some of them are men of large affairs. With the possible exception of one or two, we found that they all made more money during the last year or so than they had when everybody was whooping joyfully about good times.

"Understand me—I know we have gone through a period of depression this last year, but the majority of us were not so hard hit as some of you would make the rest of us believe. And there are many who made more than usual, and most of us no less.

"Every indication of prosperity is with us in Portland and the great northwest. It's time for all to get on the wagon and take advantage of it. Many men who could have made money during the last year, held back, frightened because the other fellow was. As a result, he either lost or stood still when he should have gone ahead.

"I've resided in Portland all my life, and I wouldn't trade Portland and her prospects for any place I know of. Resources are here, wealth is here—and it's simply a question for the people here to go after it, because, and they'll bring it home."

Q When a man says—"My offices are in The Journal Building"— Q Know then he enjoys ultra modern conveniences. Q His windows all open to the clean outside. Q There are no dark places nor waste spaces in this building of "unexcelled service." Q A few offices, single and en suite, at reasonable rentals.

THEORY OF DEFENSE TO BE THAT LAMBERT GIRL DECEIVED ORPET

University of Wisconsin Student Maintains Innocence of Murder of Sweetheart.

Waukegan, Ill., Feb. 16.—(U. P.)—Defense of William Orpet, University of Wisconsin student, accused of murdering his former sweetheart, Marian Lambert, will be based on the theory that she deceived him as to her condition. The defense will maintain that she committed suicide in the Lake Forest woods after her false plea to the boy had failed to regain his love.

At the same time his counsel plans to maintain that his mysterious actions are explained in fear that he would be held responsible for her alleged condition.

Counsel hired today that while Miss Lambert may have been in a delicate condition last fall, the abortive medicine purchased by Orpet was for another sweetheart in Madison, Wis.

The inquest into the Lambert girl's death, slated for this afternoon, was postponed.

Detectives employed by the defense intimated today that another youth who was a friend of Miss Lambert may be in the case, though they did not offer particular facts to uphold their hint.

Orpet, himself a former reporter, talked briefly with newspaper men today, asking them how the papers were "playing" the story of the girl's death and his arrest, and at the same time saying, apropos of the report that he had admitted buying an empty bottle before keeping his final trust with the girl:

"The only statement I have made, and the only one I will make is that I am innocent."

Chamberlain Will Vote for Brandeis

Women's Political Science Club Gets Response to Letter Urging Oregon Senator to Support Justice Appointee

The following letter indicating the attitude of Senator Chamberlain toward the confirmation of Louis D. Brandeis as a justice of the supreme court of the United States has been received by the Women's Political Science club of Portland in response to a request that he support Mr. Brandeis:

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 11th inst., asking my support for the confirmation of Mr. Louis Brandeis. In reply permit me to say that it is my purpose to vote for Mr. Brandeis as a member of the supreme court unless the investigatory committee discloses something seriously affecting his integrity. I sincerely hope that no such evidence will be adduced at the hearing."

Largest Mill Is Now Promised Everett

Everett, Wash., Feb. 16.—(P. N. S.)—Neil C. Jamison of the Jamison Mill company today announced the completion of plans which will give Everett the largest single mill in this work.

The Jamison company will remodel its mill along lines which will give it a capacity of 2,000,000 shingles a day.

Valuable Animals Lost

Milton, Or., Feb. 16.—Eight mules and four horses belonging to George Bode of Dry Creek, four miles beyond Milton, were poisoned by eating alfalfa hay covered with mold caused by the heavy rains of last fall.

The animals were valued at between \$3000 and \$4000.

Rather Than Pay Fine, Near-Croesus Is in the City Jail

Hood River, Or., Feb. 16.—Elijah Chapman, one of Hood River's most wealthy citizens, reputed to be worth not less than \$100,000, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of disorderly conduct and was convicted in police court and fined \$5 and costs.

Mr. Chapman refused to pay the fine and is "doing time" in the city jail at the rate of \$1 a day. The complaint was made by Councilman James Carnes.

Chapman says he will file suit against the city for damages as soon as he is released from prison. Testimony in the case was that the accused swore and used vile and infamous language toward the complainant.

Episcopal Church Society Is Planned

New Religious Organization of Men to Be Launched at Some Time After Next Easter.

The Portland Church society will probably be the name of the new religious organization of men to be begun some time after Easter with Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner of the Oregon Episcopal diocese as sponsor.

Such an organization was discussed by Bishop Sumner in a talk before a men's meeting at St. David's parish house last night which was modeled upon similar societies existing elsewhere. "A backbone of the church" and "a bishop's helper" were some of the synonyms applied by Bishop Sumner to the proposed society.

The membership in the club will not be limited to men of any denomination, but the main object of the society is to help affairs of the Episcopal diocese.

Hugh Burleson of New York, editorial secretary of the board of missions of the Episcopal church, also talked to the men last night.

Jewels Are Taken While Family Dines

Mansion of King C. Gillette Fourth to Be Robbed in Los Angeles Winter Colony—Losses Are Big.

Los Angeles, Feb. 16.—(U. P.)—Millionaires in the winter colonies here were fearful for their jewels today following the robbery of King C. Gillette's mansion in Beverly Hills coming hard on the heels of other diamond burglaries. The thieves entered the Gillette home while the family was dining and looted the jewel casket in one of the sleeping-rooms.

Although the total amount of loot obtained was not disclosed by the police, it is known that the largest item was a \$1200 diamond necklace. Thirty-four other articles of its kind in the past few weeks, and the total booty of the thieves is said to approximate \$12,000.

Give your Child Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs and Colds.

Dr. King's New Discovery is a Doctor's Prescription used for over 45 years. It is pleasant and children like it.

You cannot use anything better for your child than Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar mixed with healing and soothing balsams. It does not contain anything harmful and is slightly laxative, just enough to expel the poisons from the system. Dr. King's New Discovery is antiseptic—kills the cold germs—raises the phlegm—loosens the cough and soothes the irritation.

"I have used Dr. King's New Discovery for the past three years and use it continually in my family. My children are very fond of it for it keeps them free from cold. I can't say too much for it, and take pleasure in recommending it to my friends."

Mrs. A. S. Haines, Franconia, N. H. Don't put off treatment. Coughs and colds often lead to a chronic cough, pneumonia and other serious lung troubles. It is also good for adults and the aged. Get a bottle today. All druggists. (Adv.)

Advertisement for Nemo Corset Demonstration and Home-furnishings Sale. Includes logo for Meier & Frank Co. and text: "Smaller Sizes in Our Regular Fine Stocks MEN'S FURNISHINGS at Unheard-of Savings!"

Advertisement for Men's Silk Lisle Union Suits. Lists prices for various suit sizes and styles, including \$3.50 suits, \$1.75 suits, and \$2.25 suits. Includes an illustration of a man in a suit.

Advertisement for Ribbons and Welworth Blouses. Promotes "Our Finest 25c Qualities" and "Fancy Ribbons, Yard 12c". Includes an illustration of a woman in a blouse.

Advertisement for Women's-Misses' Suits. Promotes "Excellent Values in Women's-Misses' Suits" with prices ranging from \$15 to \$57.50. Includes illustrations of women in suits.

Advertisement for Cut California Asparagus, Can 15c. Lists various food items and prices, including Blackberry Jam, Smoked Cottages, Sauer Kraut, and Golden Apricots.

Advertisement for These Cooking Sets. Promotes a 9-piece blue and white set for \$1.19. Includes an illustration of a cooking set.

Advertisement for The Short Route between Portland and Spokane via the O.W.R.R. Includes a map and text: "The NIGHT SERVICE of the Short Route Saves a Business Day".