CITY BRIEFS

Baseball.
Championship.
Baseball.
Pacific Northwest League.
Thursday, July 24, 3:30 p. m.
Grounds, Twenty-fourth and Vaughn
Butte.
Vs.
Portland.
Admission, 25c.
Grand stand, 25c.
Game played 3:30 p. m.
Baseball!
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Charles Stahl, who was drowned at Long Beach, Sunday, was an active member of the carpenters' union.

City Treasurer Ed Werlein is partially incapacitated as the result of an accident at North Beach on Monday night. In attempting to save a lady cyclist from a serious fall his hand was badly cut by a projection on her bicycle.

The Postal Telegraph Company has its offices in Portland appropriately draped in mourning for the late John W. Mackay, who died July 20. Two white doves perched upon the radiator bear in their bills the ends of a white ribbon, from which is suspended a black placard stating the fact the same is in memory of Mr. Mackay, the president of the company.

On Labor Day, in September, the annual convention of the National Association of Letter Carriers will begin a week's session at Denver, Col. The best methods for serving the public will be among the subjects considered. E. A. Moulton has been elected to represent Portland. This city has a force sufficiently large to entitle it to three delegates, but the local association decided to send Mr. Moulton only with two proxies.

Messrs. W. J. Riley, F. A. Spencer, Edward Ehrman, J. C. Lang and Clarence Jacobs visited the several transportation companies today in the interest of the coming carnival of the Elks. The committee will try to get reduced rates during the two weeks of the big fair, with stop-over privileges, special excursions, etc. The idea has already gotten abroad all ever the state that special rates will be made, and the several Elks' lodges in the towns of Oregon are planning to attend the carnival on Elks' day.

A new scheme by which an attempt is being made in this city to force residents to adopt a new-fangled letter box manufactured by a certain company, is in evidence. An agent is industriously canvassing the city armedwith circulars containing extracts from the United States postal laws which apparently, when construed together, would compel citizens to secure letter boxes, and by implication, this certain company represents that it is to furnish them. There is no law compelled the public to buy a letter box from anybody or to have one at all unless they desire to do so.

PERSONALS.

H. E. Coolidge, prominent in business cricles in La Grande, is in Portland today.

L. A. Lewis, of Allen & Lewis, left today for Japan. He expects to be absent about three months.

County Judge Webster left this morning for Southern Oregon, where he will remain until Saturday.

W. C. Lee and wife, of Rainier, are in the city today. Mr. Lee is proprietor of the Rainier Grand Hotel.

C. A. Johns, of Baker City, passed through Portland yesterday afternoon en route for Yaquina, where he will remain the most of the summer.

BENEFIT TO OREGON

Already the good effects of the efforts of the Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce, acting upon the advice of Mr. McKinney, advertising agent o the Harriman lines, are being felt. Some of the smaller towns of the state are already responding to the request for information touching their especial section.

J. H. Moore, secretary of the Board of Trade, is receiving dozens of letters from all parts of the United States, most of them from large, wealthy companies, who are seeking new fields for their operations.

J. L. Miller, of this city, who has been in the East since the first of May, has just written to Mr. Moore for more literature. He stated that he had distributed all the advertising matter he took East with him and could use a great deal more. Mr. Martin is in Des Moines at present.

THE WEATHER.

Showers and thunderstorms have occurred in Arizona, New Mexico, Kansas and northern Illinois. At Dodge City 1.14 inches of rain fell during the last 24 hours. Rain is also reported as falling at Neah Bay this morning.

It is much warmer in northern California and northern Nevada. The maximum temperature yesterday afternoon at Red Bluff, Cal., was 108 degrees, and this morning at 5 a. m. (local time) the temperature at that place was 88 degrees.

The indications are for fair and continued warm weather in this district Thursday.

Oregon: Fair tonight and Thursday; warmer southwest portion tonight; warmer north and east portions Thursday; northerly winds.

Washington: Fair tonight and Thursday; continued warm Thursday; northerly winds.

Idaho: Fair tonight and Thursday; warmer southwest portion tonight; continued warm Thursday.

EDWARD A. BEALS,

MAY EXTEND LIGHT CONTRACT

The Bridges of the City Are in Bad Condition.

The present contract with the Portland General electric Company for the lighting of the city is to be extended for one year if possible. This is the gist of what was done at yesterday's meeting of the Board of Public Works after a long discussion on the subject.

Chairman Mills, of the Board, reported that Manager Goode, of the Electric Company, had signified his willingness to extend the contract for a period of six months or till July 1, but it was thought by Mayor Williams and other members that a full year's extension would be better, it being the general opinion that more satisfactory competition could be secured if a full year were given for the construction of possible new plants.

Another matter which caused the Board to come to this decision was that under the new charter, which is expected to come into force about February next the city would be enabled to enter into a five years lighting contract, and the concensus of opinion was that much better arrangements could thus be made.

MANY BAD BRIDGES.

The condition of many of the bridges of the city were reported as bad by City Engineer Elliott, and that official was instructed to put barricades across such as were deemed to be in a dangerous condition, the sign "Dangerous" not being deemed sufficient protection for the public. Mr. Elliott's report, which embraced 30 bridges, showed that of that number only two were in first class condition. The First street bridge over Marquam Gulch, he said, should be repaired or closed at once. The Twelfth street bridge, between Overton and Pettygrove, the one no Alder, between Lownsdale and Chapman and the one on Sixteenth, between Alder and Washington, he described as being in a frightful condition, and regarded them as being a menace to the public safety.

The City Engineer was directed to proceed with the construction of a roadway six feet wide on either side of the railway tracks on the east approach of the Madison street bridge, the estimated cost being $600.

HENRY WATTERSON
Editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal and inventor of the "Star Eyed Goddess of Reform," is having a great deal of fun these days deriding the attempts of his fellow-politicians to bring harmony into the Democratic party.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE.

The twelfth annual convention of the Young People's Alliance of the Evangelical Church Association of Oregon opened yesterday at Milwaukie Heights. The principal matters of business was the president's address and his recommendations, and the report on the committee on credentials. The principal business to be transacted at this session is to decide upon the selection of some permanent meeting place and the erection of a tabernacle. This will be decided and a tabernacle ordered erected. There will also be considerable said in regard to holding district conventions. The committee on credentials reported the following delegates present:

First English Church, Portland—Miss Una Kiplings, Elma Fisher, Maude Smith, Odovilla Yates, Frank Mulleen, Fred Zinser.

Seattle—B. Heinrich, Mrs. E. H. Hornschuch, H. E. Hornschuch.

Chemetka, Salem—T. R. Hurnchuch.

Kings Valley—Sewert Ramsdall, Allie Launer, F. W. Launer, Lizzie Bush, Effie Cady.

Memorial, Portland—Miss Myrtle Farley, P. J. Green, Mrs. Meiers.

Tigardville—Lydia Brant, Olive Wilson, Annie Pollard, A. Weinert.

Oregon City—Bertha Sheer, Mrs. Harrisberger, Mr. Grosenbacher, Mrs. Sheer, Carl Harrisberger.

East Chehalem—Harris Emil, Rhoda Heaten, Mrs. T. C. Emil.

West Chehalem—Grace Guenthes, Frank Meiers.

Fruitland—Ed. Hornschuch, S. M. Benninghoff.

Liberty, Salem—Miss Meda Steward, Bertha Glenn.

CAMP IS OVER

The annual encampment of the O. N. G. at Albany closed yesterday, and the Third Regiment returned to Portland. The Eastern Oregon contingent got in early in the day and went out last night for that portion of the state.

Although the weather proved very disagreeable and the work ardous, the guardsmen are unanimous in saying that the encampment was the most successful held in years.

The opinion is general among the officers that the men made a very satisfactory showing. There was little sickness for the sanitary conditions were good.

REMARKABLE GENIUS OF BLIND FRANKIE RICHTER

A Fourteen Year Old Lad's Composition, "The Journal March."

"The Journal March," a remarkable composition of Frankie Richter, a blind boy of 14, living in Portland, was played by Signor De Caprio's orchestra at the Hotel Portland on Tuesday evening.

The Journal is about to present to its readers and friends this march, which is of unusual merit. The remarkable genius of Frankie Richter, it has remained for The Journal to discover and bring to light.

Competent critics have pronounced "The Journal March" a masterpiece of composition and indications are, that it will become immensely popular. When the original manuscript was shown to Signor De Caprio, the famous band and orchestra director, he at once recognized its unusual quality and proceeded to arrange to introduce it into his repetoire. A band and orchestra arrangement of the music was made at his request and last evening, for the first time in public, the strains of "The Journal March" were wafted on the air at the Portland Hotel concert conducted by Signor De Caprio. The piece made a decided "hit," and it is certain that it could not have had a more auspicious introduction at the hand of a more skilled leader than the talented De Caprio.

"The Journal March" will be off the press and ready for distribution shortly.

The Journal is indebted to the genious and generosity of Master Richter, that it is able to present to its friends a march that Portland musicians will treasure among their choicest numbers, and to the courtesy of Signor De Caprio for the masterly rendition of the piece upon its first appearance in public.

It is not generally known that Portland had such a remarkable musician and composer of music whose wonderful genius has probably not been equaled by any of the widely advertised performers of today. We read with reverence of the grand old masters of the past, whose magic touch drew from the piano such soul-entrancing harmony; we read and envy those whose fortune it was to listen. We are prone to associate such wonderful genius and talent with the past—to take it for granted, as a matter of history; yet we are slow to recognize or even appreciate genius of the same order in one of the present day.

We are inclined to associate great musical talent with an abundance of hair and a large capacity for being bored, with a cranky disposition, which, by courtesy, is called the artistic temperament, and are hardly prepared to find genius in any less grand a personage.

But Nature follows no set lines in bestowing her gifts, and in the person of The Journal's discovery, Frankie Richter, scarcely 14 years of age, she seems to have found delight in planting a grand talent, perhaps in compensation for the sore affliction which is his, for he is blind—absolutely sightless.

It was the good fortune of a Journal representative to be present at an impromptu recital given to a few friends at his home. Having groped his way to the instrument and seated himself, he turned his sightless eyes in the direction of his visitors and asked in the most simple, unaffected manner, "What would you like?" The visitors, fearing lest they might embarrass him by selecting something he would be unable to render, suggested that he play from his own choice. "Very well," he said, "I'll play you one of my own compositions."

For a moment his fingers wandered softly, almost lovingly, over the keyboard; then he plunged into the grandest march the writer has ever heard. Surely such music was never written. There could be no question in the mind of any listener that the production was original. Such execution—such harmony—such wondrous combinations of tone—such expression could be produced only by a master of the instrument, and the conception of such music could only be in the mind of a genius. Tones so expressive, so real, harmony so perfect, could only come from the very soul of music itself, from an inexhaustible fount of harmony, where each note gives birth to others and pours a flood of entrancing melody forth to carry the listener to the point of ecstacy. Other selections followed. Selections from operas that are masterpieces of composition and that require a master's execution were played by him with ease, and to which he added harmony and counter-harmony, producing an effect that the boldest performer would hesitate to attempt, even though he felt capable of doing it.

His rendering of the storm scene from the opera "William Tell" was beyond description; words fail to convey any idea. There is no such thing as comparison, for there is nothing to compare it to. Under his magic touch it becomes something new—original—there is nothing like it.

By way of recreation for himself, and, as he said, fun for his guests, he had his zylophone brought in and played—yes, think of it! utterly sightless, and he rendered difficult selections, one after another, without mistake or discord. One remarkable thing about him is that it seems impossible for him to produce discord. Every sound that reaches his ear finds in his mind a harmonious sound.

He tells the time of day by the sound of locomotive whistles, and calls the river steamers by name when he hears the notes of their steam whistles. Any note or combination of notes struck on the piano or upon any musical instrument is instantly and correctly told by him. He writes upon a typewriter with a speed that is equal to that of the average operator, and the following is an exact reproduction of a note he wrote in the presence of the writer and handed him as a keepsake:

"Music is the art of the prophets. It calms the agitation of the soul, and puts the devil to flight."

The talent of this musical wonder is not acquired—such genius cannot be taught. His is a gift from heaven. If the writer were a believer in the theory of reincarnation it would not be a hard matter to imagine that in the body of this frail boy were the reincarnated spirits of Mozart, Bach, Beethoven, Liszt. At the age of 7 years he appeared before critical Chicago audiences, and by his brilliant work disarmed criticism, and won most fettering applause. During the last few years the boy has been growing so rapidly that his strength has not been equal to the task of public appearances, and the world has heard nothing of him. But the time is not far distant when his fame will ring around the world.

RED MEN ELECT OFFICERS

Interesting Excursion of the Visitors to Oregon City Falls Last Night.

Yesterday afternoon the Improved Order of Red Men elected great chiefs for the ensuing year. The following are the successful candidates:

Great sachem, L. B. Reeder of Pendleton.

Great senior sagamore, G. M. Orton of Portland.

Great junior sagamore, H. L. Henderson of Astoria.

Great prophet, Dr. S. Lewis King of Portland.

Great chief of records, William C. A. Pohl of Astoria.

Great keeper of wampum, J. H. Gribel of Portland.

When nominations were in order for great sachem, the mighty chief of the tribe, many eloquent speeches were made by the several candidates' admirers. The qualifications of each were dwelt upon at length. Trophies of the hunt were cited and the numerous scalps dangling from the belts were pointed to with pride.

It was shown how they kept their firesides provided with venison and maize, and in the chase for government rations they had no equal. Their allotment of land was the choicest on the reservation. In this respect they laid their palefaced brother in the evening shadow. Blankets and regular annuities were their distinguishing features, and as they had been following the system during the snows of many winters they had become highly proficient in the art.

Tales of their wonderful valor and chivalry were spun with an Indian simplicity that carried conviction. Multitudinous were the mountain lions and crouching cougars that they never slew. They had been on the warpath, but never with the maidens they adored. Their brand of firewater was always the best that wampum could buy.

Balloting was proceeded with and the result was announced with a warwhoop which made the frightened papooses seek the quiet seclusion of the deep forest.

EXCURSION LAST NIGHT.

The excursion last night given by the Past Sachems' Association to Willamette Falls in honor of the Great Council of Oregon was an affair long to be remembered by the namesakes of the red men of the forest. There were about 150 passengers on the steamer Albany, which arrived at the falls about 9 o'clock.

The ride up the river was thoroughly enjoyed, the ever-changing and picturesque scenery strongly appealing to the fancy. Arriving at Oregon City, a grand and fascinating sight awaited the noble red men from the Portland lodge. The rocks below the mighty cataract were brilliantly illumined with campfires of the braves who dwell near the adjoining cliffs, and they manipulated the up-to-date fireworks in a manner sufficient to bring many a warwhoop from their tribesmen down the river. Around a glowing campfire about 25 dusky braves, with blazing fagots clutched in their grasp, danced in primitive fashion, while skyrockets went shooting through the air thick and fast. When the dance began to lag the boat backed down to the landing and the warriors went on shore for a little stroll among the towering wigwams, wherein dwelt their friends and kinsmen whom they had not seen for many moons. Then they embarked in their swift canoe and paddled down the laughing water, reaching their reservation at an hour close on to midnight. The entire affair proved quite skookum. Among those attending were pretty maidens, sisters of Minnehaha and Pocahontas.

Exciting Runaway.

Up First to Taylor, Taylor to Fifth, Fifth to Salmon, Salmon to Fourth, down Fourth (on sidewalk) to Alder—this is the line of run taken by a driverless horse hitched to a single light wagon this morning. The rig belongs to the Sunnyside Fuel Company, and the owners will have to distribute about $50 to merchants and others along the line of flight for damages.

The fruit stand of Hochfeld Brothers, near the corner of Fourth and Yamhill streets, was struck by the fore wheels of the wagon. Fruit was scattered all over the sidewalk and the show case was broken. A bicycle belonging to Carlo Tortti, that was standing in front of his shoe black shop, in the next block below was struck and the front wheel was demolished.

William Lidderdale of London, the deceased governor of the Bank of England, left an estate of only £1000.

CITY COUNCIL DIDN'T APPROVE

Of the Prodosed Site for Volunteers' Monument.

An ordinance to allow the erection of the Oregon Volunteers monument on Sixth street, between Morrison and Yamhill, was defeated in the City Council yesterday. But little discussion was had on the matter, it being the general opinion that more satisfactory sites could be found and that the space could ill be spared.

The only other business was the passing of an ordinance providing for the construction of a sewer in Commercial street and making an appropriation of $494.85 therefor and the granting of $2000 to the fire department for the purchase of new material.

The matter of the repairs needed on Hawthorne avenue provoked considerable discussion, but as the Council had no power to make an appropriation for the purpose the matter was referred to the Board of Public Works on a suggestion by Auditor Devlin, and Mr. Bentley was appointed a committee of one to see what action could be taken in this matter.

W. O. W. DELEGATES

Local delegates to the seventh head camp session of the Woodmen of the World, which will be held in Cripple Creek, Colo., August 2, will depart in a day or two. The question of most importance to come before the meeting will be the matter of increasing the amount of the reserve fund of the order. This question is considered very important as the Woodmen is the first lodge of those who were opposed to the carrying of a reserve fund to adopt the principle. The following is the list of delegates elected from Oregon and Washington:

Washington District No. 1—H. S. Onstead, Ballard; H. S. Elliott, Chehalis; H. L. Klein, Seattle; W. A. Hagemeyer, Olympia; F. R. Baker, Tacoma; J. A. Fairbairn, Hoquiam; P. B. Newkirk, Whatcom; John B. Yakey, Port Orchard; H. L. Klein, Seattle; Frank H. Frew, Seattle; Charles McKnight, Seattle; A. Muchmore, Seattle; J. M. Brewster, Seattle. Alternates—J. M. Horp, Kent; George I. Brooks, Winlock; W. H. P. Bell, Seattle; B. A. Vanderveer, Olympia; J. P. Cass, Tacoma; J. E. Calder, Montesano; J. E. Jones, Blaine; G. A. Von Schlitz, Bremerton; D. F. Shearer, Seattle; W. J. Creevey, Seattle; S. C. Calderhead, Seattle; F. R. Burch, Seattle; W. B. Maine, Seattle.

Washington District No. 2—E. W. Clark, Dayton; F. D. Clemmer, North Yakima; B. F. Cogswell, Spokane; C. I. Hall, Walla Walla; W. T. Warren, Wilbur; L. L. Westfall, Spokane; William Swain, Pullman; John Pattison, Colfax. Alternates—J. N. Fall, Dayton; H. J. Rand, North Yakima; C. B. Koontz, Spokane; J. M. Hill, Walla Walla; W. F. Scheibner, Wilbur; D. Herman, Spokane; A. B. Baker, Pullman; G. M. Chapman, Colfax.

Oregon District No. 3—R. F. Holm, Toledo; V. P. Fiske, Dallas; F. H. Caldwell, North Yamhill; Grant Olds, Oregon City; W. B. Haines, Forest Grove; W. A. Moore, Salem; M. T. Woodward, Portland; F. G. Woodcock, Portland; H. Schade, Portland; L. B. Coddingham, Portland; J. C. Jones, Portland; J. J. Jennings, Portland; H. L. Day, Portland; C. C. Bradley, Portland. Alternates—J. Wrage, Corvallis; William Parker, Ballston; C. H. Walker, North Yamhill; H. Thiessen, Milwaukie; A. S. Auterson, Woodburn; J. P. Burkhart, Portland; A. L. Finley, Portland; A. W. Schmale, Portland; J. Van Zandt, Portland; J. Ruddiman, Portland; G. W. Tabler, Portland; G. F. Berringer, Montavilla; A. M. Cox, Portland.

The following women have been selected as delegates to the meeting of the supreme circle of the Women of Woodcraft, which will be held at the same date as the Woodmen convention:

Washington—Odessa T. Trout, Garfield; Georgia Mulkey, Pomeroy; Mary C. Patterson, Colfax; Ella J. Jones, Spokane; Florence A. Calder, Bremerton; Alma E. Groger, Everett; Agnes E. Tilly, Hoquiam; Hattie M. Brewster, Seattle; Margaret Davis, Puyallup.

Oregon—Ella Porter, Baker City; Augusta Kemball, Pendleton; Ella Dawson, The Dalles; Mary Randall, Portland; Viola Ortschild, Portland; Kate Orton, Portland; M. F. Lawrence, Portland; Grace Newell, Portland.

Railroad Discrimination.

W. A. Mears, of the Portland Chamber of Commerce transportation committee feels that this city has a grievance against the railroads. He claims unjust discrimination in the matter of distributive rates, and declares that when an effort has been made to have this remedied, the railroad companies have adopted sharp practices, by one playing against the other.

As an example in point, Mr. Mears says that where an alleged discrimination in favor of the Palouse country exists, if the O. R. & N. Company's officials are asked regarding it, they claim that the fault lies entirely with the Great Northern and Northern Pacific. As a result, there is a deadlock, and nothing is done. Mr. Mears says that by reason of the abuses he claims to have found, the distributive territory of the jobbers is growing smaller. He advocates constant agitation of this matter until the difficulty is remedied.

NEW SUITS.

The Victor Land Company today filed suit in the State Circuit Court to quiet title to lot 11, block 7, Kenilworth, in which N. C. Strong and others claim an adverse interest.

The Investors' Mortgage Security Company has filed suit against Richard Clinton and others to recover about $1223, said to be owing on a promissory note secured by mortgage.

OVER THE WIRES.

Charges of larceny filed against Captain Strong by May Yohe in a New York police court have been withdrawn out of consideration for his family.

Ashley Cocke and William Lauderdale were hanged in Greenville, Miss., yesterday for murder. They died cursing.

A deadly feud is on at Jackson, Ky., between the Cockrell and Harris families. A bloody fight is expected at any time.

Edgar M. Lazarus, who superintended the building of the Portland Customhouse, has applied at Washington to make the alterations in the postoffice which have been projected.

The total number of lives lost by the sinking of the steamer Primus near Hamburg is now placed at 104.

The War Department has authorized the construction of a large barracks at Haines Mission, Alaska.

Steps are being taken by Senator Hanna to save Dr. Russell Wilson, a young Ohio doctor who is condemned to die at Bluefields, Nicaragua. He was captured while filibustering.

Major E. F. Glenn of the Fifth Infantry has been found guilty of giving Filipinos the water cure. He will pay a $50 fine.