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The band you will hear on your principal streets at the noon hour but you will miss a musical treat of exceptional merit if you don't visit the theater and hear the orchestra in its rendition of operatic and popular selections between the acts.
Page Theater, Thursday, Dec. 18.

COMPLETE GRADE
GRANTS PASS LINE

(Grants Pass Courier.)
The grade on the municipal railroad will be completed to Wilderville by Saturday night. The entire roadway will then be ready for the ties and rails for the first ten-mile unit, and as soon as the funds are available from the bond sale the road can be completed that far without further delay. Mr. Keeler, representing the buyers of the bonds, is now in New York City, and expects that the legal questions surrounding the issue will be cleared away within a few days and the transfer made.

The work done by the city to bring the grade on the first unit to completion will show an expenditure of approximately \$22,000, the statement prepared by the engineer on the first of December totalling \$29,639 to that date, with a probable \$2500 for the present month. The culverts are now all in place, 53 having been laid in the ten miles at a cost of \$1,953.65. These culverts are of cement tile of home manufacture, and are from six inches to 26 inches in diameter. The bills for the clearing and grading of the ten miles amounted to \$23,769.35, considered a most reasonable figure in view of the yardage of dirt moved.

DIED

At her home, 48 Rose avenue, Georgia A. Henselman, wife of J. H. Henselman, at 9:30 p. m., December 16, of dropsy, following a six-year illness, aged 51 years, 11 months, 16 days. She was a native of Indiana, born in Covington, December 29, 1861. She had been a resident of Medford for six years. She leaves a husband and three children, Edwin G., George B. of Medford and Charles F. of Poulson, Mont. She was a member of the Pivlian Sisters. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. Her sister, Mrs. Catherine Zeigler of Attien, Ind., will arrive for the funeral.

Bishop's Visit Postponed
Bishop Seading, who was expected to visit St. Mark's church Thursday and Friday of this week, has been compelled to postpone his visit until after the new year. The meeting for Thursday evening will therefore be cancelled.
WM. D. HAMILTON, Vicar.

"THE PEOPLE BE DAMNED"

MAYOR PURDIN and the city council evidently do not believe that the people should rule—at least not when it affects their own petty salaries. On a technicality, they have refused to submit to the people the initiative bill for a charter amendment for action at the January election, but prefer to put the city to the expense of a special election later—so for a few fleeting days they can cash their warrants.

The administration does not believe in economy, as shown by the absurdly large payrolls, the purchase of the useless Hamilton ranch, and the needless increase of the tax levy. Least of all does it believe that economy should begin with itself. Though the salaries are small, they are extremely large to the mayor and councilmen—and exceedingly precious.

If the administration believes the salaries are justifiable and earned, it should have no hesitation in submitting the question to the people who pay them. The people believe in the square deal, and if the council could make a case before the people, it would be sustained. But the council does not believe in a square deal for the people, for it refuses to submit the question.

The employer has the right to determine the remuneration paid the employe, but here is a case where the employes of the people refuse their employers the right to pass upon salaries paid.

Section 13 of ordinance No. 124, carrying into effect the initiative and referendum powers reserved in the constitution, reads:

If any ordinance, charter or charter amendment to the charter shall be proposed by initiative petition, said petition shall be filed with the recorder, and he shall transmit it to the next session of the council, who shall then either ordain or reject the same, and if the council shall reject said proposed measure, or shall take no action thereon for a period of thirty days after such measure shall have been submitted, then said recorder shall cause the same to be submitted to the people for approval or rejection at the next ensuing election held in said city. The council may ordain said ordinance or amendment and refer it to the people, or it may ordain said ordinance without referendum petition in like manner, also the ordinance. If the council shall reject any such measure and take no action thereon, it may submit a competing ordinance or amendment, which shall be submitted to the vote of the people by the recorder at the same election at which said initiative petition is submitted.

The initiative petition was filed with the recorder December 12, thirty-one days before the January election. Had the council desired, it could have been submitted to the people at that election—but the council did not so desire.

The action of the administration shows plainly that its members are serving merely for the petty salaries rather than from public-spirited motives—that they are in office for the money they make out of it.

It is evident that the present council considers itself superior to the people. The latter's informal petition for the election of C. E. Gates as mayor was thrown into the waste basket. The formal petition for charter amendment is postponed on a technicality. The people's servants have become masters of the people.

"Upon what meat doth this, our Caesar feed, That he is grown so great?"

THE PRESIDENT AND THE CARIBAO

THE carping critics of President Wilson, who imagine they have found a hole in the armor of the president in his criticism of the Caribao jinks will find few sympathizers for the martinets of the army and navy.

These high-minded and rigid disciplinarians who cause the enlisted man to stand at attention in front of their quarters with a ramrod-like spine and heels together by the hour and sentence the privates to thirty days in the guardhouse for a failure to kow-tow to his superior officers are not entitled to any sympathy in their wanton disrespect of the commander-in-chief of the army and navy.

This overpaid, overfed, underworked and non-producing arm of the government is not expected to show any great enthusiasm in the policies of the administration, when those policies tend to a curtailment of military securities that have been burdening the backs of the producers all too long, and any proper and respectful criticism would have received a respectful hearing, but the shameless buffoonery of the recent orgie of the Caribao society was beyond all bounds of humor or decency.

Just what Lincoln or Roosevelt might have done under like circumstances is pure conjecture. The soldiery of President Lincoln's time had something to do besides conduct Saturnalian revels and it is not recorded that any governmental understrapper in his relations with President Roosevelt ever transgressed the most rigid rules of obscenity without being called a liar.

The Caribao society is to be complimented on its most appropriate selection of a name, the Caribao being now the largest species of bull extant.

Odd Gyroscopic Toys

Some extraordinary toys based on the old gyroscopic tops have recently been invented by Prof. Gray, of the Royal Society, and exhibited by him at the Royal Institution. One toy is a doll figure hanging by its hands from two wires strung along together, a gyroscope whirling inside the doll figure. As the wires are slightly jogged the figure begins to move along the wires, hand-over-hand like an acrobat. By a curious property of the gyroscope, when the hidden wheel begins to run down the little figure begins to hurry, as if it intended to use every effort to complete its journey before losing its power.

Another toy consists of three doll acrobats on trapezes, a gyroscope being concealed in each doll. When the gyroscopes are properly started the three acrobats perform balancing feats, each doll in its turn doing a stunt in regular order, but no two doing the same stunt at the same time.

A third bicycle rider on a tight rope is another toy. From the handle bars of the bicycle wires are run to

the proper connection with the gyroscope, so that if the little figure starts to fall to the left the handle bars are turned down, and the front wheel points to the left enough to keep the balance, exactly as a human rider does.

From his models the scientist showed how it is possible to place a gyroscope in a motor car to prevent the car from overturning on a curve. With such a device a car rounding a curve at high speed would tilt to the inside as if it were running on a banked track and theoretically it would be impossible for the car to overturn.—Dundee Advertiser.

"The Blue Mouse" is to be made into a musical comedy for early production.

John A. Perl
UNDERTAKER
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Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner

The Menace of the Rat

(Continued from Thursday)

By P. J. O'Gara.

Rodent Extermination

The fact that the rat is an extremely wily creature makes him one of the most difficult of all animals to exterminate. By his constant association with man he has become extremely wary, and is frightened by anything which is at all out of the ordinary. He will eat bread on which poison is spread so carefully that the poison will be left behind, the bread being practically all eaten. He will spring traps by dropping sticks on the pan and then make his meal of the bait. Rats are found where food exists in abundance or where they can find suitable breeding and nesting places. Take those two requisites away and you will drive away the rats. The problem seems simple, but in practice it is very difficult to bring about such conditions. Rats multiply at an enormous rate. There are from three to five litters a year for each female, the average being about three litters under normal conditions. There is considerable variation in the number of young produced in a litter, but ten young would be about the average number. If a single pair of rats and their progeny were to be allowed to reproduce without interference for a period of five years, there being three litters a year and each litter producing ten young, five males and five females, there would be, providing all would live, a total of 940,369,969,152 rats! Reproduction takes place at a very early age, there being records of birth in captivity when the female rat was only eight weeks old. Gestation in rats occupies three weeks.

Rat destruction may be effected by trapping, poisoning, exposing them to natural enemies, cutting off their food supply and by destroying nests as well as preventing the making of new ones. For trapping three types of traps, namely, cage traps, snap traps and barrel traps, may be used. The best cage trap is the large 12-inch French type which is made of very stiff, heavy wire. The traps should always be set on a hard surface, and baited with any of the following: Fish, fish heads, smoked fish, raw meat, fresh liver, cooked corn beef, fried bacon, pine nuts, apples, carrots, etc. In a meat market, it is best to use vegetable bait; while in places where vegetables are plenty fish or meat are the best bait. The baits should be fastened to the inner side of the top of the trap with a piece of fine wire so that the first rat in cannot displace it. If the pan of the trap is touch with a feather dipped in anise oil or oil of rhodium, the odor will attract the rats. Af-

ter handling a trap, it should be smoked with a piece of burning newspaper so that there will be no odor of human hands.

Snap or spring traps are serviceable in that they may be placed in runways or in places where the cage trap cannot be used. Such traps should be disguised by covering them with sawdust or dirt; the traps should also be smoked with burning newspaper.

Barrel traps are made by employing a carefully balanced metal top which takes the place of the barrel head. The barrel is partly filled with water and a plank is laced from the floor to the edge of the barrel. A large piece of strong cheese or other bait is securely fastened to the middle of the cover. The rat runs on the plank onto the smooth, metallic lid which tips under his weight precipitating him into the water. (To be continued.)

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