

## BEAR CREEK NEEDS GOOD FRESHET TO CLEAN OUT DEBRIS

The report that the city will this winter undertake the task of cleaning up the channel and banks of Bear creek within the city limits is probably not wholly true, but it is a possibility that the city would co-operate with property owners whose lots reach the creek banks in the matter of clearing away the debris when a freshet comes to aid in the work. The collected brush and weeds and other rubbish could be pitched into the stream when the water is high enough to carry it away and thus disposed of.

There has been no freshet for three years of sufficient volume to carry away the collection of rotting weeds and other refuse on the banks. The result is that much has collected there to a considerable depth. Its decomposition is hastened by the rain and its bulk, until filthy odors emanate from many such piles of stuff along the banks in the city limits. It requires no extraordinary sense of discernment to realize that in the summer time this condition will seriously menace the health of the city—particularly that portion of it that resides near the creek.

During the time of the first freshet, should we be favored with one this winter, property owners and the city should co-operate in the matter of cleaning away these piles of unsightly and unwholesome debris. It would greatly improve the appearance of the stream within the city, on the banks of which, in several places, shady nooks and crannies could be made very attractive for luncheon and picnic parties, instead of catch-alls for dirt and filth in many repulsive forms.

## NEAL OF THE NAVY TONIGHT AT PAGE

Pathe presents Lillian Lorraine and William Courtleigh, Jr., in the great picturesque, romantic and patriotic serial drama, "Neal of the Navy." The story, written by William Hamilton, appears in hundreds of newspapers all over the country. The pictures of navy life and scenes are taken with the approval and by the sanction of the secretary of the navy. A prominent official of the navy department said: "I have examined the scenario of the serial, 'Neal of the Navy,' and find it a very clean, interesting and instructive picture play."

Episode No. 4 will be shown tonight and tomorrow at the Page, with a well-balanced program, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew, comedy, which amusingly satirizes the dance craze, and a three-act Escanay drama, "The Lighthouse by the Sea," the story being skilfully told and is laid in picturesque surroundings.

## REGISTER EARLY FOR CITY ELECTION

Registration started Saturday and will continue for ten days, excluding holidays and Sundays. To vote at the city election next month it is necessary to register at this time and voters are particularly requested to attend to the matter as early as possible so that the registration board will not be rushed during the last few days.

The registration board sits at the city hall from 1 p. m. to 7 p. m. every day, the board consisting of H. M. Lofland, Mrs. Mary L. Platt, and Mrs. Amy Dow. A charter amendment simplifying the registration method, making it necessary to register but once except when there is change of residence will be voted on at the January election.

## "DADDY LONG LEGS" AT VINING NEXT TUESDAY



When the curtain goes up at the Vining theater next Tuesday night, December 14, for the first performance of "Daddy Long Legs," the audience will see a dramatic organization that includes some of the most talented and best-known players of America.

"Daddy Long Legs" is the biggest success on the American stage today. It is one of the really big plays that no theatergoer in Medford can afford to miss. It will be played in just three cities in the state of Oregon—Portland, Eugene and Ashland. And it is being played in these three cities by the same brilliant cast that was

the talk of San Francisco last season when "Daddy Long Legs" made a world's record by running five consecutive weeks to capacity business at the Columbia theater. Mail orders will take precedence over all other sales of tickets, if accompanied by check or money-order, and self-addressed stamped envelope. The prices are: Downstairs, first 16 rows, \$1.50; last 4 rows, \$1. Balcony circle, \$1; second balcony, 4 rows, 75 cents; balance of balcony, 50 cents. All box seats \$1.50. Send your mail order at once.

"Daddy Long Legs" at Vining, Tuesday, December 14.

## SUNDAY CLOSING LAW PROTESTED BY ADVENTISTS

Elder T. G. Bunch spoke in the Seventh-Day Adventist church last night on the danger of Sunday-closing laws and what the final result will be unless the liberty-loving people of America are awakened to the fact that the present widespread agitation in favor of Sunday legislation is contrary to the letter and spirit of the constitution of the United States and of every state in the Union.

Mr. Bunch is secretary of the Religious Liberty association of southwestern Oregon and is assisting in a statewide campaign to defeat the plans of the "One Day's Rest in Seven" league, of which Dr. G. L. Tufts is superintendent. This league is working to initiate a Sunday law more drastic than any yet attempted, for the people of Oregon. This same law was defeated in California by a large majority vote at their last election.

## PLACES TAX ON MUNITION MAKERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—A bill to prohibit passengers on ships with war munitions and a resolution to put the senate on record for raising revenues for national defense by taxing manufacturers of munitions were introduced today by Senator Kenyon. No action was taken on either.

The senator declared national defense plans were made necessary because of the irritation of foreign nations by American sales of munitions to the allies.

## FORBES-ROBERTSON PLAYS IN MEDFORD WEDNESDAY DEC. 22

Mrs. Braekinreed, president of the Drama league center, had the pleasure of meeting Ray Henderson of the Forbes Robertson management, who reached Medford Saturday morning in advance of the company.

Among many interesting points discussed, Mr. Henderson said: "Forbes Robertson is playing everywhere to overflowing houses. He is not appearing on this tour in any of the cities where he has already played a farewell engagement, regardless of any inducements offered. This is positive," his last appearance in America."

Speaking of the plays in the repertoire for this tour, Mr. Henderson said: "The Passing of the Third Floor Back," which will be played in Medford, Wednesday, December 22, is one of the most beautiful plays ever written. In his interpretation of the character in this play, Forbes Robertson displays the wonderful versatility which enables him to play to perfection such widely different roles as Caesar in Shaw's "Caesar and Cleopatra" and Hamlet. It is a play which attracts not only the usual playgoing public, but also those who seldom frequent the theater. Through a religious and artistically subtle atmosphere, coupled with the unsurpassed histrionic ability of Forbes Robertson, its appeal to the highest and finest in human nature leaves a lasting and inspiring impression."

With regard to the Drama league, Mr. Henderson said: "The Drama league is doing a great work all over the country. It is making possible of production the best and highest in dramatic art, by its very efficiently organized and untiring efforts to educate the public to a proper appreciation of such offerings."

Mr. Henderson also assured the Drama league that it was a very great pleasure to be finally able to respond to their urgent requests during the past two years for this appearance of the greatest living actor. He also assured us of his deep appreciation and understanding of the league's work.

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