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THE HELIOL THEATER (14th and Washington streets)—Tonight, 8:15 o'clock, Cyril East in the comedy-drama, "The Prince Chap."

MARQUAM GRAND THEATER (Morris street)—Tonight, 8:15 o'clock, "The Serenade." Tomorrow at 8:15, "The Lovers." Tonight at 8:15, "The Lovers."

GRAND THEATER (Washington, between Park and Franklin)—Tonight, 8:15 and 9 P. M.

PANTAGES THEATER (4th and Stark)—Continues week-days, 2:30, 7:30, 9 P. M. LYRIC THEATER (7th and Alder)—The Allen stock company, tonight at 8:15, "Matinee Tuesday." Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 2:15 P. M.

STAR THEATER (Park and Washington)—The French stock company in "The French Boy," tonight at 8:15, "Matinee Tuesday." Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 2:15 P. M.

THE OAKS—(O. W. P. carline)—Gates open 12:30 P. M. to 11 P. M. Sundays holidays, 10 A. M. to 11 P. M. Band concerts and free specialties.

IMPROVE ENGINE-HOUSE No. 7.—Important improvements have been started on engine-house No. 7, on East Third and East Pine streets, that will greatly increase the utility of the fire company station there. The firemen have started excavating for a basement 30x20 feet, which will have concrete floor and walls. This basement is being built to install a heater for the larger engine soon to be installed at this house in place of the one now in use there. The new engine will be one of the new ones recently received and will require three horses. The stalls will be rearranged for the third horse. These improvements mean that this engine-house is not likely to be moved for years to come and perhaps will always be kept on this corner owing to the increase in warehouse property to be protected between Union avenue and the river. There has been talk of moving it back to East Third street. Now that it is to be improved it is expected that the property-owners will improve the streets by which it is surrounded.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO MOVE.—Within the next few days the Chamber of Commerce will move into temporary quarters in the neighborhood of the Chamber's building. The owners of the building are about to make alterations on the second floor during which the offices and exhibit of the Chamber will be located elsewhere, probably for 30 days. During the period when the railroad have cheap horse-drawn tickets on sale the Chamber intends to have a man on duty at the depot whose business will be to direct colonists to the exhibit, which will be installed in the temporary quarters. Two years ago the plan of having the exhibit displayed in a room at the depot was tried, but it was found that people arriving at the depot stopped long to look at the exhibit, and getting up town as soon as possible. The office of the State Board of Horticulture will also move out, while alterations are under way, pointing to the same rooms with the Chamber.

WESTERN UNION SHOWS INCREASE.—An increase of business in every department of Portland's commercial life testifies to the continuous growth of the Rose City. Not only do the bank clearances, sales of real estate and building permits tell the story of an unprecedented development, but a greater volume of telegraphic business bears testimony to the city's usually prosperous conditions in this city. During the year of the Lewis & Clark Fair the Western Union Telegraph Company did an enormous amount of business," said Local Manager Dumar yesterday, "but our record for the year 1906 was surpassed the following year and the indications are that our business for this year will exceed that of 1906. It was expected that the business in our office would fall off following the exposition, but the reverse has been the case. Portland is experiencing a wonderful growth and the telegraph business is increasing in the same proportion."

PROMINENT MINISTER TO RETIRE.—Rev. W. T. Kerr, a well-known Methodist minister and member of the Oregon conference, at present in charge of the Woodstock Church, has decided that he will retire from active duty at the annual conference this month. Mr. Kerr has been in active service for the past twenty years, 18 years in Iowa and 12 years in Oregon. Owing to bad health he has decided that he will quit active duties at the end of the conference year. He has bought a home on Falling street and Williams avenue where he will reside. Mr. Kerr has been in charge of several important churches in Oregon. He was five years with Central Church Albina and for two years has had charge of Woodstock. He is a member of Sumner Post, G. A. R. and is one of its most valued members. Mr. Kerr has many friends in the state.

WILL BUILD A SMELTER.—F. A. Mabee, of St. Louis, Mo., owner of a mine located on the headwaters of the Washougal River, 12 miles from Cape Horn and 45 miles from Portland, has gone to Chicago to purchase a 100,000-ton smelter. Chester A. Probstel, of Wells & Probstel, of Portland, spent last week examining the mine and it was on his favorable report that Mr. Mabee decided to put in the smelter, which will be installed under the direction of Mr. Probstel within 90 days, which is about the time it will take to secure the machinery and ship it out from Chicago. There is a wagon road extending to the mine and \$50,000 has been spent on the property. The ore assays \$9 per ton in copper, gold, silver and lead.

COUNTRY CLUB PLANS.—A meeting of the directors of the Portland Country Club and Livestock Association was held yesterday afternoon at the Commercial Club. It was determined to call a 50 per cent assessment on the stock at once and to close up the deal for the property decided upon at the last general meeting of the stockholders. The second assessment of 50 per cent on the stock will be due in 60 days. It was also decided to begin work on grading the track as soon as the funds were in hand sufficient to cover the expense. The office of the association will be in room 8, Hamilton building, from this date.

LECTURES ON HEALING.—Rev. P. J. Green will lecture on his experience in Rational Divine Healing and "The Relation of the Subconscious Mind to Physical Healing" at 8 P. M., September 7 and September 14, in the Auditorium hall, 204 1/2 Third street, Portland, Or. Admission will be free.

DR. CAVALIER ILL.—Dr. A. R. Cavalier, secretary of the British Zenana Bible and Medical Mission, who was to give an address on Thursday evening under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., is prevented by illness from keeping his engagement.

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ROOSE TO LET.—See Superintendent, room 201 Oregonian building.

NOT TO INVITE SWEDISH PRINCE.—The Swedish-American League held its regular bimonthly meeting last night in Alley hall. President John W. Hawkins, acted as chairman. About 30 members of the league were present. A resolution was passed asking the Methodist Conference at Seattle to return Rev. John Odell to this field. Rev. Mr. Odell has been the representative of the Anti-Saloon League for the state. He has also been active in the interests of the Swedish residents of Portland for a number of years. The league had made arrangements to invite the Crown Prince, of Sweden, who has been sojourning in the East, to visit this city, but the Prince's inability to visit Chicago made it necessary to abandon plans for his reception in Portland.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPENS.—The Sacred Heart School resumed its year's work last Tuesday. The number of children entered on the first day is very gratifying and it is expected to bring the attendance this year up to 150. Four teachers are engaged in school work, and an able music teacher has been sent from the Convent of Mount Angel. All the higher grades are taught and in the school's curriculum is included the first year of the high school. Sister Mary De Sales has charge of the various grades. Special attention is given to teaching the children to be respectful and polite to all. German is also efficiently taught. The Sacred Heart School, therefore, in its entire equipment is second to none in the city.

PEACHES GROWN IN PORTLAND.—That peaches of the best can be grown in Portland has been demonstrated by Mrs. John McRoberts of 189 Sixteenth street, who has a tree 7 years old. This tree has borne heavily for the past four years. The peaches are of the early Crawford variety and rival in size and flavor the fruit of more famous peach-growing districts. Last year Mrs. McRoberts canned 40 quarts of peaches from this one tree besides those used for the table and this year she has done the same.

MANY WORK FOR PRIZE.—Many are after the \$50 prize offered by the East Side Business Men's Club for the slogan that will advertise the East Side. Answers are constantly being received by the committee which is composed of H. A. Haler, C. A. Biglow and W. H. Markell. The contest will close October 2, and until then none of the envelopes will be opened. The club meets tomorrow night in the parlors of the East Side Athletic Club, East Morrison street and Grand avenue.

STAMP SALES INCREASE.—The total receipts from the stamp sales in the Portland Postoffice for the month of August amounted to \$48,027, a gain of \$4,986 over the receipts for August, 1906, which aggregated \$43,041. Although August is considered the quietest month of the year in point of stamp sales, during the past month the Portland Postoffice has maintained the steady increase in this department which has marked it during the past year.

BREVE GREG PRESENTED LOCKET.—Jessie M. Headley, who rescued her aunt, Mrs. Sarah J. Rickey, from drowning on July 12, was presented with a handsome gold locket and chain yesterday by J. Campbell, T. Pullman, Charles King, George Tuttle, H. Hansen and F. Hansen. The locket bears the inscription: "Presented to Miss Jessie M. Headley, for bravery on July 12, 1907, by her admirers."

SEEK WORK IN OTHER LINES

STRIKING TELEGRAPHERS SAY MEMBERS STANDING PAT.

At the Two Telegraph Offices Business Is Conducted as if No Strike Were in Progress.

Several reports were received at the Commercial Telegraphers' local headquarters yesterday from different points throughout the East, as well as from Coast points. "Stick to it," is the slogan of the unions in all cities reporting. In this city, the operators are confident they have their management in good control, and do not fear further desertions. With the exception of a few of the men, all have found other employment and declare they have no desire to return to the employ of the telegraph companies. Locally, the strike situation is unchanged. There is nothing about the two telegraph offices to indicate that a strike is in progress. The incessant clicking of the telegraph instruments is to be heard and, to all outward appearances, the business of the offices is being conducted as though there were no strike. To the average citizen, the only reminder of a strike is the receipt of a belated telegraph message. The local union of telegraphers at Los Angeles reports that of the 140 men who walked out in that city, thereby precipitating a general strike, only one man has returned to work. Practically the same condition is reported at St. Paul. At Seattle, the strikers report no desertions, with great hopes for the amalgamation of the two great telegraph bodies, the Commercial Telegraphers' Union and the Order of Railway Telegraphers. The strikers at Denver are said to be standing pat, fully 50 per cent of the idle operators having accepted positions with the railroads or gone on an outing. If the strike should be settled in a few days, the above telegraphers claim it would be several days before the two telegraph companies would be able to get a complete force of men, owing to the fact that their former operators have scattered so widely. At Indianapolis comes the report that several of the strikers have gone to work in gravel pits at \$150 a day, while others threaten to accept that sort of employment before they will return to their former positions under the old scale.

IDEAL SUMMER IN AUGUST.

Mean Temperature Was 65, Coolest for Seven Years.

According to data collected by the Weather Bureau, last month was the coolest August Portland has experienced for seven years. The mean temperature for August was 65 degrees, as against 68 last year. The mean temperature has not been so low before since 1900, when it was 63. Since that year it has ranged from 65 to 68.

Without exception throughout the month, the days were cool and pleasant. The maximum temperature of each day ranged in the 70s, and during only five days of the month did the mercury climb into the 80s. Nearly the whole month was cloudy or partly cloudy, only ten days being wholly clear. But there was very little rain, the total being 1.02 inches. On the whole, the month was delightful and none could complain of Summer heat.

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BUILDING PLANT IN OMAHA

HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY IS MAKING PROGRESS. Underground Work Is Well Under Way—Several Thousand Phones Already Contracted For.

The Oregonian has received the following response from its Omaha correspondent in answer to a query as to the status of the Omaha Home Telephone Company. The inquiry was prompted by the fact that Omaha Home Telephone bonds were among the heavy investments of the Oregon Trust and Savings Bank. The Independent Telephone Company of Omaha received its franchise at the general election last November and the company was incorporated shortly afterwards under the laws of Nebraska. It is bonded for \$1,500,000, and the bonds are due in 1937 and draw 5 per cent interest payable semi-annually. There is \$1,000,000 of preferred stock and the same amount of common stock, dividends to be paid at the rate of 4 per cent on the preferred and 4 per cent on the common, then both stocks to share alike.

The company has contracted with the Union Telephone Company to build an automatic telephone system, initial construction to provide for 6000 telephones with a capacity of 20,000. Construction has been pushed hard all the Summer, and the conduit work is now completed. Sixty miles of trench has been dug, and 800,000 feet of conduit laid, covering the entire business center, and reaching the confines of the city in several directions along the main arteries of travel. The underground work is reached by 32 manholes, all of which have been built.

Overhead work is also well along, all the poles numbering 325 having been set. All the large office buildings have been wired and cabled, 4700 feet of cable having been hung in the buildings. Two exchange buildings are rapidly nearing completion, and the contractors expect to have them both ready by September 15, when they expect to receive the switches for main office equipment, most of which is now in transit. About 25,000 feet of aerial and underground cable is already in the yards or distributed along the streets, and the quantity now in transit will bring this up to approximately 25,000 feet, cars being received almost daily.

The work of laying the cable in the conduits was started Friday, August 30, and the contractors figure on laying 10,000 feet a day.

The entire plant, including the two exchange buildings, is considered one of the very finest in the country. It is expected it will be in operation early in December.

Between 2000 and 4000 telephones have already been subscribed for, which include about 50 per cent of the business houses of the city. It is expected to increase this number to 6000 by January 1, if not before.

The company considers its franchise a favorable one. It runs for 25 years, and fixes a maximum rate of \$5 for business telephones and \$3 for residence. The bonds are selling at par, with a bonus of 40 per cent of preferred stock. U. S. Grant, Jr., president of the company, owns \$180,000 of the bonds. There is no common stock on the market.

W. C. Bullard, general manager of the Bullard, Hoagland & Benedict Lumber Company, of Omaha, answered as follows: "OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 3.—(To The Oregonian.)—No better securities in this market than the Independent Telephone Company's. Everyone praising the fine construction work. Service will be given in about 90 days."

The following telegram was also received by The Oregonian yesterday from F. H. Davis, vice-president of the First National Bank, who had been asked by The Oregonian for his opinion of the company's prospects:

"OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 3.—(To The Oregonian.)—The Independent Telephone Company obtained a franchise here last Fall and has installed a first-class plant, nearly completed with underground conduits and substantial fireproof buildings. Management report 4190 phones contracted for and will open for business December 1. Company's prospects look good to us."

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