

THIS MORNING WAR  
Giant Theatrical Trusts Grapple for Advantage.

ACTORS AND THE PUBLIC WATCH

Klaw & Erlanger Are Represented in Portland by the Marquam and Baker Theaters, While Cordray's is the Enemy.

Announcement of the latest development in the theatrical war between the two rival syndicates, Klaw & Erlanger and Stair & Havlin, created widespread interest yesterday in theatrical circles along the Pacific Coast, and the prediction was made that Portland will be the scene of the storm, in the coming disturbance. The managers of the Marquam and Baker's Theaters will cast their lot with the Klaw & Erlanger aggregation, while the Cordray's Theater, will stick by the Stair & Havlin fort, and developments will be watched with interest, as the two syndicates do not love each other. The public is wondering where it comes in.

An Oregonian reporter interviewed George L. Baker, of Baker's Theater, last night, and he said that the first fight that a theatrical war was on between the Klaw & Erlanger syndicate and the Stair & Havlin syndicate came only a short time ago, when he heard that such people as Mrs. Elsie Cordray, Mrs. Charles and James K. Hackett were at odds with Klaw & Erlanger and would not, in the future, play in any of their houses. So far the Stair & Havlin people have the edge, in popular-priced houses, say from 20, 25 and 30 cents, and some 50-cent houses, and a class of people go to them who do not play in the high-class attractions. "It is going to be a fight between the two syndicates to control theatrical business. Mr. Heilig, who controls the Marquam Grand Theater in this city and the Tacoma Theater in Tacoma, is interested in the Spokane house along with John Cort, who controls the Grand Opera House, Seattle, and several places of amusement in other towns. These gentlemen formed the Northwestern Theatrical Association to take care of their interests and to connect these with the Klaw & Erlanger theaters. This syndicate has this country well under control, J. P. Howe, formerly manager of the Grand Opera House, Seattle, and later manager of the Park Theater, of this city, who has had control of the Seattle Theater for several years, and who was working independently of the syndicate, finally discovered that it would be to the interest of Mr. Cort and himself to join the association. The Butte, Mont., theater was under Mr. Howe's control, and Mr. Sutton, who controls a first-class theater in Butte, is also a member. That gives the association control of the only two Butte theaters. I understand that Mr. Hayward, manager of the Auditorium Theater, at Spokane, has also joined the syndicate. The Spokane Theater, controlled by Messrs. Heilig, Cort and Weaver, with the Auditorium, gives them control of Spokane. The syndicate has theaters in all the Puget Sound cities, also in British Columbia, and in towns along the O. R. & N. Short Line up to but not including Salt Lake. That city is controlled by Al Hayman, a member of the big syndicate. I guess that San Francisco is completely controlled by the syndicate with the Grand Opera House, which is the only place in that city where the Stair & Havlin attractions can be played. Their arrangement only allows them to play popular-priced shows. The cannot play Crossman, Fiske and other high-class attractions.

"To my way of thinking, Klaw & Erlanger, who are handling high-class attractions, will not be hurt by any move that Stair & Havlin can make. In the coming fight between the two syndicates I predict that Klaw & Erlanger will have much the best of it. Yet I do not want to give the impression that I think the Stair & Havlin people are weak. Their field has always been in the line of popular-priced attractions, and they have never feared what we call the high-class field, consequently they are not now in a position at this late date to play in that line. Contracts have been made for them three to five years in advance. With such interests as that of Frohman, David Belasco, Shubert Brothers, Rich & Harris, Hoyt & McKee, Klaw & Erlanger, Al Hayman & Co., Henry Rosenberg, Weber & Fields and a number of others in New York City, as well as Nixon & Zimmerman, of Philadelphia and Boston, and a number of the other managers, it strikes me that the Stair & Havlin people will be (pardon the slang) 'up against it' for high-class attractions. Taking the local field into consideration, I think it possible to go through this Northwest country, situated as they now are.

"As I always have been anxious to be connected with high-class productions, I have cast my lot with the Klaw & Erlanger Theatrical Association. Mr. Heilig and I are now fitting up the old Tabernacle building at Twelfth and Morrison streets, which will be known as the Cordray's Theater. We have several propositions in view, but have not exactly decided what our policy will be. At any rate, we will have a new theater in Portland, and in other cities of the Northwest to take care of attractions of any consequence that may come along.

"Then, what is to be the policy of the Baker Theater? I asked the reporter. "To run high-class stock companies at all times, and at popular prices. I will only allow first-class attractions to play at the Baker Theater, and I cannot speak for Mr. Heilig, but I do know that he has been in New York this past week attending to matters concerning the association, and that Mr. Cort will send lawyers for the East to take up matters where Mr. Heilig left off. As it looks to me, the only houses in the Northwest that Stair & Havlin control for their attractions are the theater in Salem, Cordray's in this city, the Lyceum Theater, Tacoma, and the Third-Avenue Theater, Seattle."

quently a number of the Coast managers are trying to formulate a plan in conjunction with both trusts that will classify the shows and place them properly before the public. "It is an imposition upon the public to play a 50-cent show for \$1.50. It is wrong to play a 10, 20 and 30-cent aggregation for 75, 75 cents and \$1. If a fight should occur between these two theatrical trusts it will make a big cut in the prices of admission in the houses of both syndicates. It would be a great treat to the public to see a first-class show for 25 and 50 cents, if war should be declared. However, I do not anticipate such a result.

"It is an opportunity for both syndicates to make big improvements in their attractions, and for my part I am glad to see it. Both trusts have many past masters in their ranks and doubt everything will be adjusted to suit all parties. For my part, I am not worrying over the situation. However, I am in favor of any move that will classify the shows and give us a high grade of attractions at popular prices."

**WANT CASE APPEALED.**  
George Schlegler May Employ His Attorney by the Year.  
Although Mr. and Mrs. George Schlegler have been divorced for two years, their troubles seem to be just commencing. A case is now pending in the Circuit Court, and yesterday their family misunderstandings were aired in the Municipal Court. Mrs. Schlegler had filed a complaint against her ex-husband for using abusive language on the street. The testimony showed that both had used abusive language, but that the woman's advantage lay in the fact that she was the one who made the complaint.

"Every time I meet my ex-husband," ran the testimony of Mrs. Schlegler, "he starts to abuse me and threatens me with violence. I want him put under a bond to keep the peace," and as she told of her wrongs she was so serious and seemingly so affected that, stern as a Judge must be, His Honor seemed moved to pity.

**ARE THEY MARRIED?**  
Bridgroom Forgets to Provide License, but Ceremony Goes On.  
The unusual event of a wedding ceremony without a license occurred at the home of Mrs. F. Chatterton, president of the Farmers Co-operative Commission Company, in this city, Wednesday evening. The contracting parties were Eugene J. Gilbert and Josephine F. Chatterton, the daughter of the officiating clergyman was Rev. W. S. Gilbert, of the Calvary Presbyterian Church.

The arrangements for the wedding had all been perfected, and the guests and relatives were assembled. The groom and bride appeared, and the minister was ready to perform the ceremony. He asked for the license, and stated the day previous. This is sometimes done in law. The marriage was then solemnized, and yesterday morning Mr. Rice appeared with Mr. Chatterton, who subscribed to the required oath as a witness, and the license was issued.

**VERDICT OF MURDER.**  
Coroner's Jury Charges Husband With Death of Teresa De Falco.  
"Teresa De Falco came to her death from wounds inflicted with murderous intent by Frank De Falco, with some blunt instrument, presumably an ax or hatchet, on the 25th day of February, 1932, between 1 and 3 P. M." Such is the verdict rendered yesterday at the Coroner's inquest, with A. P. Coleman, Fred Goodwin, W. W. Whitwell, Fred Kennedy, J. W. Gilmore and W. W. Rath acting as jurors.

WILL SCOUR THE BAR  
Jetties Will Do the Work, Says Engineer Cortbell.

PROBLEM IS NOT DIFFICULT

If Correct Principles of Engineering Are Followed, Largest Ships of World May Enter the Columbia.

Dr. E. L. Cortbell, the eminent civil engineer, who has a National reputation as an expert adviser in the construction of harbor works, was interviewed yesterday in the Hotel Portland as to the results of the visit he made Tuesday to the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia River. "Can 35 feet, or even 40 feet, of water be made and maintained without resorting to dredging at the mouth of the Columbia River?" he was asked.

"Yes, by proper plans. I mean in general the plans which I understand the Board of Engineers has suggested in its report made continuous the jetties built up above the surface of high tide," he replied. In general conversation Dr. Cortbell stated that he had looked at the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia the engineer in charge was busy with other matters and there were no facilities for going over the jetty. "I was obliged to go as far as I could on foot. In this city I had been unable to find the Government engineer. I would have been unable to obtain any data had not Mr. Warren, of Warrenton, met me at the train and gone with me to the works. I saw the latest soundings—January, 1933. Yes, I believe in the building of two continuous jetties constructed up above the surface of high tide, with the width between these proposed jetties be correct, there need be no fear of the results, providing the works be vigorously prosecuted.

"There is a question upon the minds of the natural banks and extending to the deep water in the sea. When the fluvial volume reaches the mouth of the river, after its confinement within the natural banks, it spreads out fanlike and loses a part of its velocity, and consequently its ability to carry its load of sediment, and, of course, has to drop it. This makes and maintains a bar, over which it always has a depth of water than in the channel between the natural banks. Now, is it not reasonable to cure the evil by extending the natural banks out into the deep water in the sea? If the fanlike expansion of the water has caused the bar, why not shut the fan?"

The two parallel sticks of the fan represent the two jetties or artificial banks. If you shut only one-half of the fan, or build one jetty, the evil is not cured, nor do we follow nature. At the mouth of the Columbia we now have a broken fanstick on the left, which is about one-third length must be extended two or three miles. On the other side we find a part of the stick again in the shape of Cape Disappointment, and some sand bars and reefs. But they are so far removed from the channel and their extension seawards is so short that the fan is really open on that side.

**NEW RIFLES FOR MILITIA**  
Oregon National Guard to Be Armed With the Krag-Jorgensen.  
The Oregon National Guard is to be equipped with the new Army rifle, the Krag-Jorgensen. The exchange of the old Springfield, with which the Guard is armed, for the new arms will take place at once. This will place the O. N. G. on the same footing as the regular United States Army.

Adjutant-General Gantenben has received a letter from the Chief of Ordnance at Washington, which is as follows: "Dear Sir—Referring to your communication of February 8, covering the requisition of the Governor of your state for caliber .30 magazine arms and equipments, and in respect to the quantity of Ordnance to inform you that the distribution of caliber .30 magazine arms and equipments will be made as early as possible as indicated on receipt of information from the War Department as to the number to which different states are entitled under the law. The new arms and equipments will be sent in advance of the turning in of the old, and the arms and equipment will be in good, serviceable condition."

**Meier & Frank Company.**  
Credit purchases today go on your March account.  
The new Laces and Dress Trimmings are finding new owners every day—Beautiful styles—Large variety. The popular Waist Silks are Pongees and White Indias—Both here in large variety of styles and qualities. New Millinery arriving daily—Walking shapes in exclusive styles and very reasonably priced.

**Fashion Bulletin**  
From the Trade Authority.  
While the trained skirt of sunburst plaiting will undoubtedly be fine style for the coming season, it is highly improbable that the walking skirt will follow suit, since in that length it is apt to show the sagging much more quickly than in the longer lengths.  
Ramage or embroidered veils in black and white or self-colored white effects are large sellers. Plain or fancy nets are used for foundation of these veils.

**Friday Surprise Sale**  
Today the 698th Friday Surprise Sale—An exceptional offering of high-class Bedspreads at one-third below regular value—You can depend on the worthy quality of every one of these spreads—Only 300 all told and we know they won't last through the day—All are full size—Plain white or blue, pink and navy, with fringed border—Best patterns and quality, not one worth less than \$1.75—Today only at  
**Each---\$1.30---Each**  
**New Neckwear**  
Every woman loves pretty neckwear—Never before have we been able to collect at one time such richness, elegance and style in Ladies' Neckwear—The showing is superb—A few of the new things are:  
DuBarry Scarfs in plain and Persian effects.  
Handsome Silk Novelty Stocks and Ties with silk embroidered turnovers to be tied in the back.  
Fine Linen Stocks and Ties embroidered in Grapes and Fleur de Lis.  
New Wash Stocks and Ties in large variety.  
Thousands of new Turnovers and Sets.

Merchandise purchased on Credit today goes on your March account.

**Free Embroidery Lessons by an expert—Classes daily at convenient hours—Second Floor.**  
**Last two days Kitchen Goods Sale—Last two days Homefurnishing Sale.**

**OUR GREAT SHOE SALE**  
Marvelous values in all lines—The family footwear needs can be supplied at a great saving—Hundreds took advantage yesterday—More will come as the good news spreads.  
**\$3.00 to \$5.00 Shoes \$1.50 Pair**  
650 pairs Ladies' Dongola Lace and Button Shoes—All sizes and widths, \$3.00 values at \$1.50 a pair.  
250 pairs of Ladies' Fine Shoes in various styles, sizes 2½ to 5, widths AA to B, regular \$3.00 to \$5.00 values, while they last \$1.50 pair.  
**\$2.45 Pair --- Best \$3.50 Shoes --- \$2.45 Pair**  
400 pairs Ladies' Welt Shoes, newest goods, very latest styles, patent colt, dull top, patent colt, kid top, all sizes and widths, an exceptionally rare bargain at \$2.45 pair.  
40 pairs of Ladies' Kid Lace Shoes, \$3.50 and \$4.00 values, in good sizes, \$2.65 while they last, pair.

**Ladies' Shoes**  
Note the Great Reductions  
**\$3.00 PAIR—For 15 pairs of \$5.00 Velour Calf Shoes for women, high top, good line of sizes, remarkable value at \$3.00 pair.**  
**\$3.00 PAIR—For 75 pairs of women's \$5.00 Shoes in black box calf or vicol tan, heavy sole, all sizes, great value at \$3.00 pair.**  
**\$3.25 PAIR—For 30 pairs of ladies' \$5.00 Shoes in mirror calf, lace style, great value \$3.25.**  
**\$3.75 PAIR—For 15 pairs of women's \$6.00 Shoes patent calf, Louis heel—Remember, only 15 pairs, \$6.00 value, \$3.75 pair.**  
**\$4.00 PAIR—For 15 pairs of women's Patent Leather Lace Shoes, heavy sole, the regular \$6.00 styles, at \$4.00 pair.**  
**\$4.50 PAIR—For 20 pairs of Norman & Bennett's high-top Tan Boots, very best made, regular \$6.00 styles at \$4.50 pair.**  
**Men's Shoes \$2.15 Pair**  
300 pairs of men's black and tan Shoes, broken lots, reg. \$3.50 to \$5.00 values, while they last \$2.15 pair.  
75 pairs of men's medium heavy Shoes, high tops, sizes 6 and 6½, 10 to 11, regular \$3.50 and \$4.00 values, to clean up at \$2.15 pair.

**Boys' and Girls' Shoes**  
80 pairs of Misses' \$2.50 high-cut Shoes at ..... \$1.50 pair  
46 pairs of Misses' \$2.00 high-cut Shoes at ..... \$1.35 pair  
100 pairs of Misses' \$2.50 welts, patent tip, at ..... \$1.65 pair  
35 pairs of Misses' \$2.50 welts, narrow sizes, at ..... \$1.25 pair  
72 pairs of Misses' \$2.25 Patent Kid Lace Shoes ..... \$1.25 pair  
30 pairs of Misses' \$3.00 Pat. Leather Button Shoes ..... \$1.75 pair  
65 pairs of Misses' \$2.50 Lace Shoes, at ..... \$1.60 pair  
Sizes 11½ to 2  
50 pairs of Children's Lace Shoes, 8½ to 11, \$2 val. \$1.40 pair  
150 pairs of Children's \$2.00 Lace Shoes, 8½ to 11 at \$1.40 pair  
200 pairs of \$1.50 Fancy Lace Shoes, sizes 5 to 8 at \$1.10 pair  
**Boys' and Youths' Shoes**  
200 pairs Boys' Shoes, various styles, vici kid, box calf and enamel, all new, heavy soles, best \$3.50 values, per pair, at ..... **\$2.65**  
All our Boys' \$3.00 Shoes, for this sale ..... \$2.35 pair  
All our Boys' \$2.50 and \$2.75 Shoes, for this sale ..... \$2.10 pair  
300 pairs of Boys' Shoes at ..... \$1.55 pair  
**\$1.20 PAIR—For 600 pairs of little gents' Shoes, vici kid, box calf, satin calf, kangaroo calf, heavy or light soles, all sizes, best makes, this sale \$1.20.**

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was approved January 21, of which section 13 bears directly on the matter of the exchange of the old arm for the new. Section 13 reads: "The Secretary of War is hereby authorized to issue, on the requisitions of the Governors of the several states and territories, etc., the standard service magazine arm, with accessories, without charge, in exchange for the arm and equipment now in use in the several states, provided that said arm is accepted for and remain the property of the United States and annually accounted for by the Governor of the state."

**Man for Mining Commissioner.**  
GERVAIS, Or., Feb. 23, 1933.—(To the Editor)—As the Mining Bureau bill has passed providing for the appointment of a Mining Commissioner, who must be a metallurgist and assayer, let us have a good one and a man who knows something of mining in a practical way. I beg to suggest that Mr. Paul Baumeil, of Stark street, Portland, Or., be considered as a man well qualified and who has many claims for the office. I have had occasion to have his work checked up by the most eminent metallurgist on different occasions, and can recommend him most heartily for the position as capable, reliable and in every way competent. He is now and always has been most enthusiastically interested in the welfare of the mining interests of the state. He is well versed in the Oregon ores and capable of arranging collections and classifying them correctly. He is well and favorably known throughout the state.  
W. B. LAWLER.

**To Introduce Association Game.**  
Pacific Coast football players are anxiously watching the outcome of the Association exhibition game which is to be played at Berkeley. The student bodies of the various colleges and universities regard the attempt to introduce the Association game with considerable interest, and unless their opposition to the game as played under the Association rules is overcome, there will be a protest by the gridiron warriors that both Berkeley and Stanford will be compelled to listen to.

It all depends upon the exhibition game which is to be played at Palo Alto in the near future.  
Alaska and Canadian Reciprocity.  
Boston Transcript.  
Here in New England we have a peculiar interest in the settlement of the Alaskan boundary controversy, for we were told repeatedly in the last campaign that so long as that remained unsettled it would be not only premature, but almost unpatriotic, to consider Canadian reciprocity. We were told that reciprocity, if insisted on now, could only be purchased by yielding to Canada a pound of flesh. So long as the Alaskan boundary remained unsettled, it was declared, the time would remain "inopportune" for negotiating reciprocity. The commission to which the fixing of the boundary is referred having been given final powers, the controversy may be deemed to have been taken out of the way of reciprocity. As Senator Lodge was conspicuously active in securing the ratification of the boundary treaty, it is to be hoped that hereafter he will be found in sympathy with that commercial and industrial sentiment of Massachusetts which he so conspicuously antagonized last Autumn.  
City Versus Private Ownership.  
NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The second day of a convention of the municipal ownership of public franchises began today with a discussion on "Municipal Ownership of Electric Lighting Plants." The affirmative was taken by Victor Rosewater, editor of the Omaha Daily Bee, and the negative side by Lieutenant Caboon, secretary of the National Electric Light Association. In the debate on "Municipal Ownership of Gas Lighting Plants" A. D. Adams, of Boston, argued for the proposition and Walter Allen, of Boston, against.  
Queen Anne was rejoicing in her title of "The Good." "And to think it was so easily gained!" she mused; "just by having octagons named after me instead of flats!"—Terre Haute Gazette.