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AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAM GRAND THEATRE—Tonight at 8:15 o'clock, the great Melvyn, hypnotist, clairvoyant and prestidigitator.

CORDEY'S THEATRE—This afternoon at 2 o'clock, 7:30, 9:30, Edward Schiele, "Cotton-wool Vaudeville."

THE BAKER THEATRE—Tonight at 8:15, Ralph Stuart and company in "Master at Arms."

CENTRAL PARK, Grand and East Tenth—Outdoor vaudeville, 8:15 P. M.

BARBER SHOP PROVES A WHITE ELEPHANT—Because W. B. Stran, the manager of his barber shop, has disappeared, R. H. Cline finds himself with a white elephant on his hands. Stran was engaged to run the shop and to teach the proprietor, Cline, the trade. Now Stran has fled, and Cline doesn't know what to do with the barber shop. Stran left the shop, 224 Washington street, Tuesday afternoon, and has not been seen since. He sold the establishment to Cline last week for \$500, and was then engaged on a salary to run the place and to teach the new owner the art of the razor. He is a well-known barber, having owned the same shop for the past 20 months. He leaves a wife and a little boy 7 years old at 224 Jefferson street. Stran's excuse for leaving the shop before 6 o'clock was that Policeman A. G. Vaughn, who is recovering from vaccination, wished to be shaved. Vaughn, it seems, never asked Stran to come to his house. A barber knows nothing of his husband's whereabouts, and could hardly believe Cline yesterday when he told him that Stran had evidently left the city, taking all his personal possessions with him. Notwithstanding the \$500 which Stran received from Cline for sale of the shop, he was very much in debt, and the police believe he has simply run away from Portland to escape his creditors. A barber named Millsap, from the Marquam Grand shop, has also disappeared, and it is supposed that they have gone to San Francisco together. "Stran had a contract with me to run the shop and teach me the barber's trade," said Cline yesterday. "This agreement was to hold for a year. Now I have that shop on my hands, and I don't know what to do with it. Stran did not take any money, so I have no criminal case against him."

MENSHONER BOY LANDS IN A DITCH—A ditch at First and Salmon streets, dug under the direction of the fire department, was the pit into which Clyde Persson, an A. D. T. messenger boy, pitched head first Tuesday night. His bicycle was badly injured as the result of the fall, and now the city will be asked for damages. The boy says that no light of any kind was displayed as a warning, and that, though he carried a lantern on his wheel, he fell into the hole without knowing of its existence. He came to the police station yesterday and demanded that the municipality of Portland immediately repay him for the damage sustained. He was sent to Chief Campbell, and will probably file his claim with the City Auditor.

WALTER LYON reports that activity around the State Land Office at Salem might lead one to believe an Indian reservation has been thrown open to settlement. Echoing and is being taken at the rate of 10,000 acres a day, and purchasers show more eagerness to hold of cheap state lands as the day for doubling the price, one week from today, approaches. Mr. Lyon brought down from Salem a list of all the vacant school lands, and by the aid of field notes is assisting those who call on him, at his quarters at the Imperial Hotel, to make their selection. The price of such land is \$1.25 an acre, of which one-fifth, 25 cents an acre, is required down. One person may purchase 250 acres or less.

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GENERAL SIMPSON'S RETURN—Benjamin Simpson, better known as General Ben Simpson, returned to Portland on Monday, after an absence of 20 years. General Simpson was one of the early Oregon settlers, having crossed the plains to Oregon from Flaxton, County, Missouri, in 1836. During his entire life he has been in the Government employ in various offices of responsibility. During the past 20 years he has resided in Alabama, but has decided that Oregon, after all, is the ideal spot, and will spend the rest of his life with his children here in Portland.

FAVORITE BRAND OF CHAMPAGNE—Speaking of champagne, Pommery is recognized by connoisseurs throughout the world as the highest grade of champagne. It was served at the banquet given in honor of the President by the Union League Club, in San Francisco, on May 14, and was also selected exclusively for the President's banquet on April 3 at Milwaukee. This goes to show that Pommery is always to be found at prominent gatherings, where the expenditure of money is no consideration, and the best of wine is served.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS—The Civil Service Commission gives notice that the annual examination for all positions in the customs service will be held Monday, July 13. Application blanks can be obtained from R. F. Barnes, secretary of the local board, at the Custom-House, and must be filed by June 8. Attention is called to the change in the examination for the opener and packer, and to the fact that an applicant can take examination for more than one grade, if he so desires, by filing application for each grade.

WASHINGTON-STREET IMPROVEMENT—The improvement of the Portland Railway Company's track on Washington street is expected to be finished from First to Tenth street before the day of the President's visit. As new track was laid last year from Tenth street to the City Park, this will leave a gap of only six blocks, which will be laid with 8-inch grooved rails and Belgian blocks, like the rest of the street.

TO THE DALLAS—Grand railroad excursion Sunday, May 17, given by the Portland Printing Pressmen. Trains leave 8:30 A. M. Stop both ways at Troutdale, Multnomah Falls, Bonneville and Cascade Locks. Tickets \$1.00. For sale at Woodard & Clarke's, Aldrich's Pharmacy, Schiller's Cigar Store and B. B. Rich's Cigar Stores.

TO AID THE SUFFERERS OF THE KISHINEV MASSACRE—A mass meeting to raise funds to aid the Jews who suffered from the Kishinev massacre in Russia will be held next Sunday, 2:30 P. M., at the Talmud Torah Synagogue, corner Sixth and Hill streets. Prominent speakers will address the meeting. Everyone invited.

MANAGER BOWERS, of Hotel Portland, will appreciate any donations of flowers for decorating the hotel during President Roosevelt's visit, May 21.

LOST—Fox terrier, black and white, rough-haired, answers to "Jones"; reward, return to 224 Sixth street.

JOHN WELCH DENTAL DEPT has returned to old quarters in Dekum bldg.

DEATH OF W. W. BROOKS

PROMINENT Y. M. C. A. WORKER

His Frail System Unable to Withstand Shock of Operation for Appendicitis.

William W. Brooks, well known as a newspaper man and an officer of the Young Men's Christian Association, died at the Good Samaritan Hospital last evening, as the result of an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. Brooks felt in the best of health until Saturday evening, when he was taken sick and removed to the hospital the next day. He was found to be suffering from appendicitis. The actual operation was not the cause of his death, but the attending shock and strain to his frail system was too great, and he died last evening at 9:30.

Mr. Brooks was known in Portland as the managing editor of the Pacific Baptist, with which he was connected for seven years. Early in February he took

up a new work with the Young Men's Christian Association. This was the employment department, and he made it far more successful than the management of the association had thought possible. He was the means of placing many a worthy man and boy in permanent positions, while the system established by him obtained the best possible results for the employer. He will be gratefully remembered by many to whom he lent a helping hand in their upward career. His virtual position as press agent of the Portland association brought him into touch with the newspaper men of the city, with whom his relations were very cordial.

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prove even more profitable than his first. Edward Dantes is one of his favorite characters, and he has achieved much success and attracted much favorable notice by his masterly rendition of the part. He possesses the voice, stature and temperament besides the youthful appearance, all of which are essential to an adequate portraiture of the ideal of Dumas, the Count of Monte Cristo. Miss Helen MacGregor has the most congenial role in Mercedes, Edmond's betrothed, and plays it with winning charm.

Central Park Vaudeville.

A refined and up-to-date entertainment will be given tonight and the rest of the week at Central Park, Grand avenue between East Yamhill and East Taylor streets. Professor Horne and his dog and monkey show, introducing startling feats, will be on the bill tonight. Professor Horne and his troupe have just closed a successful two years' engagement with the great Barnum & Bailey circus. Direct from the Metropolitan Theater, New York, comes the great Mignon, who sings in five different languages and whose costumes are designed by Worth of Paris. The world-famous up-to-date man, the only Bartholomew, Jim McGrath, the minstrel, keeps the audiences in roars of laughter. Other numbers on the bill are America's premier illustration, the Gaunters, featuring all the latest successes; a comedy in one act by Bernard, McGrath and Davis, entitled "Turning the Tables." All the City & Suburban cars pass the entrance. The park is only a ten minutes' walk across the Morrison or Madison-street bridges. Tonight (Thursday) is amateur night.

McEwen's Test Today.
McEwen, the hypnotist, will make his famous drive at 12:30 today. A committee of representative business men, selected by a disinterested person, will meet in Manager Helli's office, at the Marquam, and select a book, of 1000 pages or more, containing approximately 1,000,000 words. They will then select a word on some page of the book and a hiding place will be selected for the book. Some one of the committee will then be selected to hide the book. A carriage will be waiting at the theater door and, after being blindfolded securely, McEwen will get into the carriage with the remaining members of the committee, start the horses on the run and drive at a breakneck pace over the circuitous course previously selected by the committee, dodging street-cars and other vehicles, find the book and locate the word agreed upon, without his knowledge by the committee.

McEwen will also place a man under the hypnotic spell at 8:30 and arouse him from his sleep on the stage tonight.

"Zig-Zag Alley."
Zeb & Zarrow, two new stars in the theatrical firmament, will be seen at the Marquam Grand Theater next Monday and Tuesday nights, May 18 and 19, in their original pantomime farce comedy entitled "Zig-Zag Alley," which is said by the management to be the greatest laughing show on earth.

"Zig-Zag Alley" is said to fairly revel in comic situations, acrobatic feats, and incidents, multiplying annoyances and unexpected developments that convulse the audience with laughter from the rise to the fall of the curtain. The rapidity with which ludicrous situations follow each other affords little opportunity for any relapse or cessation of mirth—in fact it resembles a rapid-fire gun of large calibre, loaded to the muzzle with fun. The scenic and mechanical effects are all said to be marvels of stage mechanism. A large chorus of pretty girls in original musical numbers is a feature of the show.

The same scale of entertainment will open tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

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