

BAKER ON WARPATH

Will Try to Prevent Melba Concert at Armory.

APPEARS IN COUNTY COURT

Theatrical Manager Says Armory Pays No License, but Shows Best Attractions—Will Carry Matter Before Commissioners.

The appearance of Mme. Melba at the Armory is seriously objected to by George L. Baker, theatrical manager, who says the Armory Hall should not be used for concert purposes. Mr. Baker and his attorney, John F. Logan, entered a vigorous protest before Judge Webster yesterday afternoon, and the decision was reached that the matter will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners at its meeting Wednesday for final adjudication. Judge Webster is not satisfied concerning the law upon the question whether Colonel Gantenbein and other members of the Military Board have the say as to renting the Armory for show purposes, or if the County Court has a right to interfere. The county owns and takes care of the Armory building, provides for all repairs, and under the statute the Military Board runs it.

Manager Baker called attention to the fact that many attractions have appeared at the Armory, Nordica, Sousa's Band, Patti, the Italian Band, Paderewski and others, and next comes Melba. Mr. Baker said he pays \$1000 rent for theaters in Portland, pays license, taxes, conforms to the fire ordinance and other theatrical regulations, and he said it was unfair to him as a theatrical manager to rent the Armory for a high-class concert where tickets sold for \$2 or more, when the concert manager could secure a theater for the performance if he tried. Manager Baker said one of these big concerts killed the theater business for a week, and the Armory paid no license. Mr. Logan opened the discussion by briefly calling the attention of Judge Webster to the objects of their visit.

Armory in Charge of Militia Board.
Judge Webster, in response, stated that the Armory is in charge of a board of militia officers for regimental purposes. The county never rented for any purpose, and he had never looked into the matter to see whether the county had a right to rent it or not. The county had never granted the use of the Armory to anybody except in the case of the Grand Convention, and that was looked upon as a public affair.

Mr. Baker said he is paying rent for three theaters, and licenses for the Summer of 1905, after he had expended \$7000 to \$8000 improving the Baker Theater, he was compelled by the city authorities to expend \$1500 to \$1600 additional to provide more seats.

Kills Business, Says Baker.
"The Armory knocks a theater out of an opportunity to see an attraction," continued Mr. Baker. "The concert will take in from \$5000 to \$10,000, and it stops people from going anywhere else. It kills theater business for a week. They are all high-priced attractions that go there. When a man has paid out \$4 for himself and his wife for concert tickets, it takes him a week, or two before he feels like spending any more theater money. It takes him about that long to recover."

Mr. Baker further said: "The theaters are accommodated in the people. Frequently the theaters have vacant nights when they are willing to rent."
Judge Webster—Don't they say your theater is not big enough?
Mr. Baker—That doesn't make any difference.

Judge Webster then remarked, "I don't know what rights we have."
Mr. Baker continued, saying he had rented theaters in the past for public gatherings; he paid \$1000 per month rent for theaters, license and taxes. "I might as well close the theater, as the night of the concert. It kills business, and for the rest of the week. Shoppers go, even, and spend \$2 or \$3, and won't go to a theater afterwards for two or three weeks."
Judge Webster—I will look at the statute and see if we have any right, and if so I will take it up with the County Commissioners. I understand the Militia Board has used the money fixing up quarters; have you ever talked to Colonel Gantenbein about it?

Mr. Logan said he had not. Judge Webster told us to interest in the Empire Theater, of which Mr. Baker is manager. The clash had a more serious aspect than a press agent device, and the prospect that a theatrical war might result was viewed with interest. Manager Heilig refused to be interviewed except to say that he was confident that the County Commissioners would consent to his carrying out his original plan for the concert. Mr. Baker declared that he had no motives other than those stated before County Judge Webster: "It is not a personal matter between me and Mr. Heilig, but a plain business proposition. It is not right that the armory, owned by the county, should come into competition with my three theaters, and if I can prevent it I shall."

MUST GO TO JAIL.

Jed Hart Loses His Saloon and Receives Sentence on Same Day.

The resort known as the Green Front, at 42 Third street, has passed from the hands of Jed Hart, its former owner, and is now being operated by the Star Brewery, while Hart has been convicted in the Police Court of three separate charges and has still to answer to two more.

In Municipal Court yesterday morning Judge Hogue found Hart guilty of three charges of allowing minors to be in his saloon and of selling liquor to them. On one of the charges he was fined \$50 and on the other two was sentenced to 20 days in jail each.

"I am going to send this man to jail," said Judge Hogue. "He ought to have been hung long ago on general principles. I am glad to learn that the saloon has been taken from his hands."

It was the Green Front that was raided last week by the police, at which time five girls were taken from the resort and charged with vagrancy. In court yesterday four of these girls were fined \$10 each, the case against one of them, Kate Goodwin, being dismissed for lack of evidence.

Hart was recently acquitted of a charge of murdering assault on John Murphy, an old man, and has been a frequent visitor in the Police Court since his management of the Green Front began.

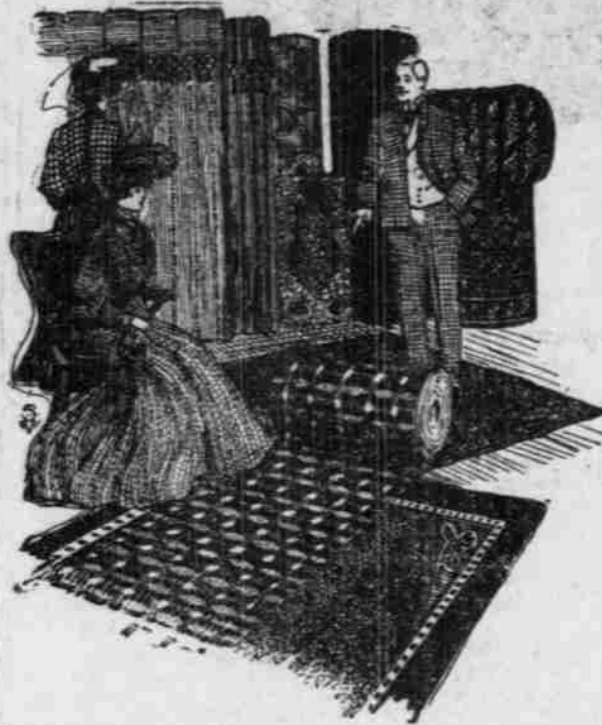
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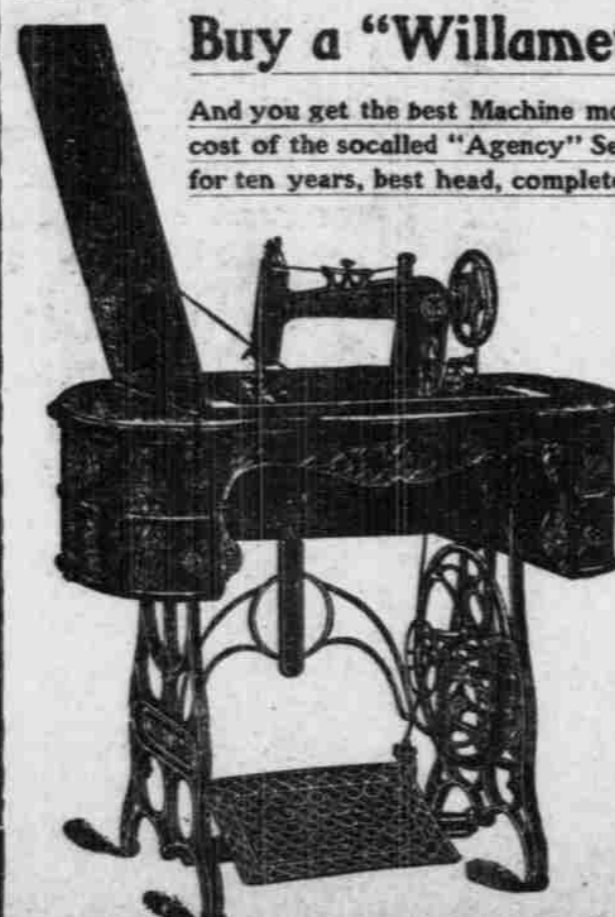


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