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AMUSEMENTS

MARQUAM GRAND THEATER (Marion street, 7th and 8th) Tonight at 8:15 o'clock, William Collier.
EMPIRE THEATER (11th and Morrison) Tonight at 8:15 o'clock, "The Dictator."
COLUMBIA THEATER (14th and Washington) Tonight at 8:15 o'clock, "The Crime of Dubuque."

PEACE AND WAR ONCE MORE.—Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock the second of the meetings under the auspices of the People's Forum will take place at the Neighborhood house, First street, near Hill. Hon. W. W. Wood will give an address on "Peace and War," after which a public and open discussion of the subjects will take place. All who are interested are welcome.

INMAY SENT TO JAIL.—Charles A. Bellinger, a half-breed, appeared in the United States Court yesterday and pleaded guilty to the charge of selling liquor to Indians. The crime was committed in Pendleton, where Bellinger was arrested. The court sentenced him to two months' imprisonment in the Umatilla County Jail and to pay a fine of \$100. New Teachers won. Y. M. C. A.—The board of trustees of the Y. M. C. A. held their annual meeting Wednesday and elected two trustees to fill vacancies on the board. T. H. Bowman was selected to succeed the late Senator H. W. Corbett and was also appointed secretary of the board. A. L. Lewis was elected to fill the second vacancy.

PLANS FOR SCHOOL EXHIBIT.

Teachers' Committee to Confer With County Superintendents.
Professor E. G. Adams, superintendent of the Mount Tabor School District No. 5; Professor A. F. Herscher, principal of Gresham School, and Margaret Tracey, of Mount Tabor, executive committee of the general educational committee of the teachers of Multnomah County, have prepared an outline of the work of gathering the educational exhibit in this county. It includes a great amount of illustrated work.

The executive board has called a meeting of the teachers' committee of 15 for tomorrow at 10:30 A. M. at the office of County Superintendent E. F. Robinson, when the plan of work which is to be carried out will be laid before the whole committee.

The following members of the teachers' committee will meet tomorrow: Professor E. G. Adams, of Gresham; Professor E. G. Adams, of Mount Tabor; Miss Margaret Tracey, of Mount Tabor; Daisy Allowell, of Arleta School; Professor E. F. Robinson, of Gresham; Professor L. H. Baker, of Woodstock; Professor W. A. Law, of South Mount Tabor School; Professor John Treacher, Jr., of St. Johns School; Sophia Spraves, of the Hillside School; Helena Wasala, of District No. 18; Miss Houser, of Bridal Veil School; Miss Powell, of Russellville School; H. D. Darnell, of Lents School.

FELL IN WITH FRIENDS.

Comic-Opera Singer Cared for in Illness by Old Associates.
Frank Boyie, one of the company which played at the "Bull and Sult," is recovering from the effects of an operation following an attack of appendicitis. Boyie, who is a bass singer, was taken sick on his arrival here last week. Among those who knew Boyie in the East as a fellow-member of an opera company was William Castleman, the well-known tenor, who is making his home in Gresham. Castleman, and Mr. Castleman and several people connected with the Marquam Theater staff interested themselves in the patient.

OHIO TO BE HOST.

State Societies Will Hold General Meeting Tonight.
The Ohio Society has invited all state societies to hold a general meeting here tonight in Knights' of Pythias Hall, Marquam building, for the purpose of instituting an information bureau and exploiting the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Owing to the fact that number of state societies have been organized within the past month the Ohio Society believes that it would be appropriate for them to assemble with the common purpose of exploiting the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

STREET-CAR SCHEDULES AGAIN.

PORTLAND, Jan. 26.—(To the Editor.)—In the Oregonian of the 24th was a short notice on the subject of transfer of the street-car. It is to be noted that the company's course I think the Oregonian misunderstands. The point of the news is that the street-car is to be transferred to the city and the company is to be liable to an action at law for withholding such transfer, with all the damages and costs that may accrue. It is to be noted that the duty of the passenger to demand a transfer when fare is paid than for the conductor to ask a transfer when collecting fares. They are a part of one and the same duty. Besides the injustice of the thing, the withholding of a transfer may work great inconvenience and hardship to parties moving about the city. Suppose a lady, Mrs. J. Jones, who will, goes to the city to trade, she spends her money, and then she goes home and perhaps to visit a friend on Portland Heights or some other part of the city. She has to go to the car to board it and from some cause forgets for the moment to demand a transfer. The conductor passes by and she is left in the car collecting fares. She thinks herself and calls his attention to it and asks for a transfer. He says he has no transfer to give her. She is left in the car and has to pay the fare for the ride home. This is an exception of a case, except perhaps in the amount of money in hand she is wronged, and have seen this thing enacted almost daily. I have been thanked by private parties through the mail for my arrangement of their transfers in Sunday's Oregonian and who had gone through the same ordeal. The grievance is an absolute wrong and the courts will be appealed to if it is not abated. W. HAMPTON SMITH.

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GALE IN KLONDIKE

Snowfall in Three Days is Unprecedented.
GREAT SUFFERING IS CAUSED.
PARTY THAT LEFT FAIRBANKS FOR VALDES TEN DAYS AGO IT IS FEARED HAS BEEN OVERCOME IN THE BLIZZARD.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 26.—The worst blizzard ever known in the Klondike regions raged last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This news was brought down today by the steamer Dolphin from Skagway. Not only was the weather bitterly cold, but the snowfall is unprecedented. The gale swept the Upper Yukon as far down as Dawson and also took in the Tanana and Copper River Valleys. All trails are impassable and the snow is drifted in many places to a depth of 25 feet. Miners and prospectors are said to be suffering from hardships, and it is feared that there is fear that some men will die of cold and starvation.

Adolph Weber on Trial.
AUBURN, Cal., Jan. 26.—The trial of Adolph Weber for the murder of his wife, all of the time being occupied by examination of witnesses.

Masons Give Grand Ball

Scottish Rite Entertain Many Out-of-Town Guests at Ball at Social Evening.
Out-of-town guests added interest to the enjoyable dance given last night by the Ancient Free and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, in the handsome and luxurious ballroom of the Scottish Rite Cathedral, at Morrison street. The orchestra played attractive selections of music for waltzes, two-steps, whistle two-steps and lancers.

HUTTON DENIES IMMORALITY

Grand Jurors Are Told of Offers of Gamblers.
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—Attorney Hutton, who was removed from the office of Police Commissioner by Mayor Schmitz yesterday, on the ground of immorality, strongly denies the charges against him. He declares that Hutton was in his private life, even if true, which he does not admit, having nothing to do with his office standing. He says that although out of position to obtain such information, which he has communicated to the grand jury.

ROAD WORK IN LINN.

Supervisors to Meet and Decide on Uniform Plan.
ALBANY, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—All the road supervisors of Linn County will meet with the County Commissioners' court on Friday, February 3, for the purpose of considering the best plan for systematic and scientific road work in the county. It is desired to secure more uniformity in road work in the different road districts.

SUICIDE A PORTLAND MAN.

N. A. Kizer Leaped to Death From Bridge Six Weeks Ago.
OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The remains of a man found in Willamette River, at Milwaukie, yesterday proves to be the body of N. A. Kizer, of Jefferson street, Portland. The brother of the deceased called at the morgue tonight and identified the body as that of his brother, who was about 30 years of age and unmarried. It was first thought that the body was that of a young man, who was a farmer, who resides near Chamberg.

BULLET IN HIS HEAD.

Sharratt May Have Been Shot by Another.
NEWPORT, Or., Jan. 25.—This morning Sheriff Ross and Coroner Soule went down to Lutjens to hold an inquest on E. G. Sharratt, who was shot through the head himself Saturday morning with suicidal intent, and last night was reported dead. When they arrived at Lutjens they were surprised to find Sharratt still alive, with small chances for recovery.

STRUCK BY FREIGHT ENGINE

Robert Reynolds, Son of Portland Man, Dies at Chico.
CHICO, Cal., Jan. 25.—Robert Reynolds, an employe of the Diamond Match Company at Stirling City, was struck by a freight engine at the depot there last night and died today in this city. He said his father was an official in a sanitarium at Portland, Or.

DRAINING A LARGE TRACT.

Simpson Lumber Company Aids in Development of Coos County.
NORTH BEND, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The Simpson Lumber Company will build 15 miles of standard broadgauge railroad from Coos Bay into the Ten-Mile country to bring out timber. Work has already begun on this road. The embankment being thrown up by dredging two miles of the north bend will be used for the grade. The canal gives a water outlet for the people of Ten-Mile, reclaiming 1500 acres of land at a cost of \$14,000.

AT THE THEATERS

"The Dictator."
William Collier.....Charles Jackson
Charles Hays.....John Barrymore
Col. John Bowen.....George Nash
Duffy.....Thomas McGrath
Rev. Arthur Bessick.....Harry J. West
Lautnan Perry.....Howard Estabrook
Samuel Codman.....Emmet Whitney
Gen. Santos Campos.....Brigham Boyce
Dr. Vasquez.....Francis Redwick
Senor Jose Dravo.....Louis Egan
Corporal Manuel Wallace.....McCutcheon
Col. Garcia.....Harry Weston
Smokler Stow.....Stewart Aug. Gooden
Lucy Sheridan.....Rose Flynn
Mrs. John T. Bowen.....Lida Hill
Senora Juanita Arguilla.....Louise Allen

PITY the next actor who comes to Portland with a modern romantic play from the bottom of my heart. I pity him. Because at the inevitable moment when "Wully Raasendahl" or "Reggie Clay," in a brand-new Panama hat and immaculate stock, a safety razor between his teeth and a 22-caliber home-defender in either hand, saves the throne of Little Miami and the Princess, who looks like his cousin Ethel, at one lovely coup, the farcical audience will think of that awful man Collier and burst into cruel, cruel laughter. The unlucky actor being just naturally die standing up. It's a sorry pity, but I fear William Collier and "The Dictator" spoiled us for that sort of thing. It happened last night at the Marquam and a few representative Portland audience saw one of the most finished performances it has ever been the local good fortune to witness.

When Harding Davis wrote "The Dictator" and Collier went to the two of them shattered many a matinee girl's idol.

The farce satirized deliciously the Central American revolution sort of thing, and what Dictator Collier does to the unnatural Gibson man is funny enough to put "Wonderful Wilfred" into the Soldiers' Home.

To begin with, the piece is the best the star has ever had, and he is better in the role of Brooke Travers than ever before. It has to do with a revolution in a peripatetic Central American republic, which Travers, while representing the United States Consul, mixes up in to the extent of buying up the army and declaring himself dictator.

There is more plot than is to be found in the average farce, and every moment is funny. I dislike that much-abused word "clever," but am of the opinion that it was coined to apply to William Collier. He is an artist from artistic corners, and without resorting to grotesque make-up, without the endorsement of crooked legs or a ridiculous voice he makes the average theatergoer forget there is trouble in the world.

He goes onto the stage in his proper person, a handsome, well-dressed young man, and destroys tribulation for the fun of the thing. To be as natural as Collier when he is playing is to be a great artist. "The Dictator" was written around him, but it provides liberally for the other good parts and the excellent support. Louise Allen, who is Mrs. Collier except on the playbill, has a fine part as the Spanish girl with the chili con carne disposition. She does it beautifully. Much interest was felt in the first appearance here of John Barrymore, of the famous stage family, and last night's verdict was that he will go down to the ground. He made the glowing "whee-goo" telegrapher shine even in such brilliant company. George Nash was good as Colonel Bowie, the grafting Consul, and Charles Jackson was a corking valet to the Dictator. All the others fit into their niches splendidly.

There will be a performance of "The Dictator" tonight, and another on Saturday afternoon. A. A. G.

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A TOUCHING LETTER.
Dr. Owens-Adair Supplies a Letter Written by the Late H. S. Lyman.
NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 25.—(To the Editor.)—In looking over my old letters I find the following from the late H. S. Lyman, which comes from a man who has been back from the heavenly half of the circle to those who he too, has so lately left behind. I have been thinking of you and of that I wish to submit a copy (forwarding the original to his sisters) to your judgment as to whether it should or should not be given to the public.

The Miss Palmer, of whom he speaks, was given to me when a child by her dying mother, and she received from me the careful training and education of a daughter, which she returned with true filial love. Her death was the greatest loss to me. My Lyman says of her, and her death was indeed, a grievous loss to me and to our home. DR. OWENS-ADAIR.

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