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AMUSEMENTS

MARQUAM GRAND THEATER (Morrison st., bet. 9th and 10th) Tonight at 8:15 o'clock, Edna Wallace Hopper.
COLUMBIA THEATER (14th and Washington) Tonight at 8:15, "Sweet Lavender."
EMPIRE THEATER (11th and Morrison sts.) Tonight at 8:15, "Over Niagara Falls."

CHRISTIAN ENDOWOR ANNIVERSARY.—The twenty-fourth anniversary of the founding of the Christian Endowor Society was celebrated by the local organization last night at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, East Twelfth and Taylor streets. Clarence A. Steady, president of the local Endowor Society, presided and delivered the opening address.

DOG FIGHT GOES UNHEEDED

Dr. Brougher Holds His Audience During Canine Battle.

An exciting dog fight broke out in front of the Young Men's Christian Association building yesterday afternoon at the most thrilling part of an address by Dr. J. W. Brougher, pastor of the First Baptist Church, on the topic, "Tricks of the Devil."

It is strange that you can't get some truth out of men's mouths as often as you can from a dog. There is no sin in which you young men can indulge that will not eventually become a habit. A single indulgence is like starting down a toboggan slide. You start and you are mighty God knows when you can stop.

ELKS TO HAVE COUNTY FAIR

Promise a Good Time 'o Those Who Attend.

It has been definitely settled that the Elks county fair will take place at the Elks hall, commencing April 25 and ending April 29, with Wednesday and Saturday matinees. It will include a baby show, prizes for several of the best-looking babies in the county, and a large number of other interesting features.

ROBBED WHILE AT CHURCH

Burglars Find Family Out, and Ransack the House.

J. H. Gibson, of 257 Grand avenue North, reported to the police last night that while at church someone entered his residence through the kitchen window and ransacked it from top to bottom. When a search was made nothing of value was missed. Detectives were assigned to the case.

St. Johns Wants Faster Car Service

The following resolutions concerning car service were adopted by the St. Johns Commercial Club, which will be presented this week to the management of the Portland Consolidated Railway Company: "Whereas the people of St. Johns and the Peninsula, feeling the need of better car service, and especially the doing away of the transfer system in vogue at Piedmont, but is not only a great inconvenience, but a serious loss of time, and

BURNT BY EXPLODING LAMP

Mrs. Rebecca Vance Has Fearful Accident, and is Badly Injured.

Mrs. Rebecca Vance, aged 65 years, of 42 Third street, was probably fatally burned by flames originating from the explosion of a lamp at 7:30 o'clock last night. She was removed to St. Vincent's Hospital at the time mentioned. Mrs. Vance was standing on the table in the center of the room, with the blaze turned low. As she stooped over the lamp to blow it out, it exploded with terrific force, throwing and burning oil over the unfortunate woman and about the room.

Trick Bicycle Stolen

Frank White, a performer at the Baker Theater, who does tricks on a bicycle, had his wheel stolen last night, and asked the police to aid him in regaining it, in order that he might perform today. The wheel had been left standing in front of the theater while its owner went inside. Upon returning to the street White discovered that his wheel had been stolen. The bicycle is made peculiarly, being especially adapted for trick riding, and its recovery is considered by the police to be an easy matter.

WHERE TO DINE

All the delicacies of the season at the Portland Restaurant, 224 Wash. street. Open for parties. 224 Wash. street.

AT THE THEATERS

"Sweet Lavender."
Mr. Geoffrey Wedderburn... William Dills
Cecilia Hale... Donald Bowles
Dick Pheney... Howard Gould
Horace Bream... William Bernard
Mr. Maw... William Bernard
Mr. Binger... George Bloomquist
Mrs. Minnie... Lauretta Allen
Minnie... Catherine Coustine
Ruth Holt... Blanche Douglas
Lavender... Fay Wallace

"Over Niagara Falls."
Bert Bartlett... Del Henderson
Ass Phillips... Will T. Chatterton
Dick Phillips... George Frazier
Paul Frost... W. H. Belmont
Monsieur Privat... John Gordon
Ephraim White... William N. Smith
Sir Reginald Fitz Smythe... G. P. Simms
Starlight... John Gordon
Michael Egan... William N. Smith
Two Hens... Louis Pelletier
War Horse... Jack Wilson
Eagle Eye... Harry Clark
Miss Madeline... Corinne Seel
Andrew Ross... Louis Barrett
Machete... May Revere
Beas Starlight... Florence Severance

Little Miss Fay Wallace made her first Portland bow at the Columbia yesterday afternoon, and found a swift way into the public heart. The play was "Sweet Lavender," which Pheno wrote in one of his gentle, uncomplex moods—a beautiful, pure little play, and the atmosphere of it altogether suited the occasion of Miss Wallace's first appearance with the stock company. The part of "Lavender" might have been written with her in mind. The little girl in the play is an innocent, trusting, big-eyed dear whom one must love for her very purity and goodness. It does not require extraordinary talent to play "Lavender," but it would seem to demand the natural qualities which that sweet child possessed. Miss Wallace is dainty, pretty and bright. She has a great deal to the general attractiveness of the company, for she is going to be tremendously popular with Portland theatergoers.

The wonder of melodrama. The fine, large wonder. Also the nerve of it. After one's imagination has been lashed into a frenzy in the front of the play, the calm of exhaustion follows and one sits and ponders over the wonder and the nerve of it. It is true the nerve of the mechanic who devises, and the people who play it, far outweighs the wonder, but the latter is there, for an audience which colors and pulsates in front of it is to be taken into the reckoning, and the wonder is in the wonder.

One which out-carries the Chicago Shakespeare of machine dramas, is "Over Niagara Falls," a melodrama in which emotional, popular-price audiences fairly rave. The Empire is offering it this week and the tumult of applause which it aroused could be heard as far away as the quiet and repose of Fourteenth street. The course of its four acts not a thing is overlooked. Every point which tradition requires a play of its type to have is there. Sensations in veritable bunches are piled up and come casually sometimes, at others dragged in by the hair of the head. But they're there and the effect is exciting enough to satisfy the hero in the matter.

Supreme Court Decides Otherwise. But the Supreme Court decided the case against the contention of the gentlemen and held that the amendment did apply to local bills like the charters of cities. That decision of the Supreme Court has set at naught the contention of the gentlemen and the decision of the Supreme Court of Oregon in regard to the referendum amendment applying to local laws like the charters of cities.

Sparkling, comical, light comedy is the portion of Cathrine Coustine as "Minnie," the belle who flirts with everybody and meets up with a handsome young American who succumbs. Miss Coustine is splendid in the part. It suits her as well as anything she has appeared in. There are touches of real genius in her portrayal of a daintily feminine person who wears trailing gowns and is dignifiedly prouder.

There are a number of other characters who participate in "Over Niagara Falls." The people who portray them are much better than the average melodrama actors, but there's no time to tell of each. The scenic features are big. The picture of the barbed wire, the wronged woman inside it, going over the falls, is stunning, and it brought repeated curtain calls. For a right-down, busy evening the Empire is filling the bill completely.

MISSION AT ST. LAWRENCE'S

Jesuit Fathers Open First of Series of Services.

Mission week was opened yesterday at St. Lawrence's Church, Third and Sherman streets, by two Jesuit missionaries, Fathers P. J. Mulconry and Thomas C. McKough, who, in a logical and earnest manner pointed out the errors of infidelity. He took as his subject, "Life and Its Purpose." At 8:30 P. M. a mass and sermon; 3 P. M. stations of the cross; 7:30 P. M. children's mission; 7 P. M. instruction for Catholic adults who have not been baptized; 8:30 P. M. mass and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Shoot Bear in Cave

Three Portland Plumbers Have Excellent Success in Dark Cave on Mount Hood.

SHOOTING a 400-pound black bear in the darkness of a cave 20 feet in the side of Mount Hood was the experience last week of three Portland plumbers who have returned to the city with the pelt. The hunters are Fred H. Schindler, 289 Taylor street; Jesse S. Hayes, 464 Spokane avenue; and Roy C. Maxwell, 89 Tenth street. The bear was killed by the three men who have been offered \$30 for the bear's skin their trip was not unprofitable.

HOLDS NO ACTS EXEMPT

ATTORNEY DEEMS LOCAL BILLS SUBJECT TO REFERENDUM.

Refers to Opinions of Circuit and Supreme Courts in Support of His Argument.

PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—(To the Editor.) I read with astonishment in Sunday's morning Oregonian a dispatch from Salem headed "Local Acts Exempt; Referendum Does Not Apply to City Charter Bills," and that Governor Chamberlain has reached such a conclusion of Oregon law was whether the amendment had been legally adopted, and if legally adopted, did the amendment apply to local acts like the Portland charter.

The Circuit Court of Multnomah County held that if the amendment was a part of the constitution of Oregon it applied to local acts like the Portland charter, and that the Portland charter and the amendment were in conflict. In considering the question whether the amendment was legally adopted or not, the Circuit Court held that the amendment was not legally adopted and that it was no part of the constitution of Oregon.

When the dispatches a few days ago that Governor Chamberlain had notified the Legislature of Oregon that he would veto bills which carried manifestly unconstitutional emergency clauses, by using this stand the Governor has done much to revive the heretofore languishing and important referendum.

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VLADIMIR DE PACHMANN

His Recent Triumphs With the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

De Pachmann's recent European triumphs, which in his special art place him above all other virtuosi of the day, have been duplicated this season in America. His concert with the Boston Symphony Orchestra aroused the utmost enthusiasm. The Boston Herald, after speaking of him as the "rapt interpreter, the very spirit of Chopin," says: "But Mr. De Pachmann, while he is easily the first of Chopin players, is by no means a bi-part specialist. We have heard him play with breadth and passion and with rare understanding one of the greater sonatas of Beethoven; he has interpreted pieces by Mozart, Weber, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Liszt, with consummate artistry, and we heard him once raise Schumann's 'In der Nacht' to the height of a tragic and mysterious epic."

SALE OF SEATS

Begins this morning at 10 o'clock at the

EMPIRE THEATER BOX OFFICE for the

FLOOD LEAVES MASS OF MUD Waters Have Subsided After Great Damage in and Near Phoenix.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 5.—All wires are down at the Gila-River bridge, on the Maricopa & Phoenix Railroad, and though no definite reports have been received from the bridge, a hundred feet of the cribbing put in to repair a former break at the bridge has been washed away. The company hopes to transfer passengers tomorrow, Phoenix and Eastern train service extends as far as Florence only.

Santa Fe trains due here early Saturday morning will arrive some time this afternoon. It is rumored that no train will depart until Monday morning. The Cave Creek flood has subsided and the Capitol building is surrounded by a sea of mud.

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