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AMUSEMENTS. MARQUAM GRAND THEATRE (Morrison street, between 11th and 12th)—Tonight at 8:15, "Sweet Lavender." COLUMBIA THEATRE (14th and Washington)—Tonight at 8:15, "Over Niagara Falls." EMPIRE THEATRE (11th and Morrison sts.)—Tonight at 8:15, "Over Niagara Falls." LYRIC THEATRE (cor. Alder and 7th)—Farewell, "The Cheat." 7:30 to 10:30 P. M. RIJOU THEATRE (16th, near Alder)—Farewell, "Dearest Thine." 7:30 to 10:30 P. M. GRAND THEATRE (Park and Washington)—Continuous vaudeville, 2 to 10:30 P. M. STAR THEATRE (14th and Washington)—Continuous vaudeville, 2 to 10:30 P. M. HAKER THEATRE (Third and Yamhill)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30 to 10:30 P. M.

DEATH OF A PIONEER.—Sylvester Saltmarsh, a pioneer of 1850, died Friday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Eruse, in Center Addition. Mr. Saltmarsh has been sick with a lingering illness for about three months. He was born in Indiana, in 1827, removed to Iowa in 1852, and as captain of an emigrant train in 1850 he crossed the plains first to California, and in a short time afterwards moved to Oregon, settling in Lewis in 1852, and as a result of his work was married to Annette Haskins, who died July 19, 1885. Six daughters and one son survive him. He was interested in mining until 1888 when he moved to Linn County near Lebanon where he resided until a few months ago. Mr. Saltmarsh bore an excellent reputation for integrity. While conducting the emigrant train across the long marches of the plains he was a tower of strength to all. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon from Center Addition. Rev. Jerome R. Nichols of Missions Presbyterian Church officiated.

WOMAN'S UNION DOES ENERGETIC WORK.—The regular monthly and quarterly meeting of the board of managers of the Woman's Union was held at 325 Fifth street yesterday. Reports of the treasurer and of the several standing committees showed a careful management of the funds of the union and energetic work on the part of the general committee. Work of the Woman's Exchange was given in detail for the past quarter, showing great efficiency and establishing the need of such an auxiliary to woman's endeavor in this city. The board decided to co-operate with other organizations in the city in the matter of affording protection to unprotected girls and women who come here during the Lewis and Clark Fair in the hope of obtaining work and find themselves stranded and unable to move on without assistance. Definite arrangements will be made looking to that end at an early date, as the advance guard of what promises to be a host of this class is already here.

NEW RULES FOR BUILDING PERMITS.—A new rule put into effect yesterday at the City Hall which governs the issuing of building permits is causing a great deal of talk among the architects and engineers contemplating the erection of buildings. Heretofore it has only been necessary to go to the office of the City Engineer and obtain a permit by paying a fee. Permits are now issued from the license department, but before one may be obtained it is necessary that the plans and specifications for the contemplated structure be submitted to the Chief of the Fire Department for inspection. If the plans do not conform to the restrictions in every respect no permit will be granted. While city officials are greatly gratified that this end has been accomplished, on the other hand the applicants for permits consider that they are being very unjustly treated. "We will lose time," is the general complaint of contractors and builders.

IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE MEETS.—The Ladies Civic Improvement League, of St. Johns, met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. A. Cook, when the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Belle Smith; vice-president, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith; secretary, Mrs. E. R. Shepard. Mrs. Walker and Mrs. McVickers were appointed as executive committee. Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Bligh will prepare a constitution and by-laws and report at the meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Walker February 21, when full plans for the coming year will be laid out. The league has about 20 active and enthusiastic members, working for the betterment of the new city of St. Johns.

DEATH OF HENRY KARR.—Henry Karr, an Oregon pioneer, died at his home yesterday morning at 5 o'clock, at his home near Harmony, east of Milwaukie, after a brief illness. He was 67 years of age and had resided on a farm near Harmony for the past 20 years. The exact date of his arrival in Oregon is not known, but it is thought to have been about 1841. Mr. Karr first went to California afterwards to the Pacific Northwest. He was born in Indiana. He is survived by his wife, a pioneer of 1846, and the following children: Frank Raleigh, William, Edna, Edith and Mrs. Adelle Johnson. The funeral will be held today at 1 P. M. from the Harmony Church.

NEW PROCESS FOR STERILIZING MILK.—A new process for sterilizing milk and condensing it to cans in the consistency of cream is claimed as the discovery of L. Chevalier, manager of the creamery at La Center and for six years the director of the government experimental station at Trento, Austria. According to Mr. Chevalier, the process is so simple that any housewife, with the utensils of any kitchen, can successfully practice the receipt. As a result of the process it is said that the cream will keep an indefinite length of time without opening and still retain its full amount of butter fat.

COUNCIL FILLS VACANCY.—At the regular meeting of the St. Johns Council Monday night C. D. Edwards was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councilman A. M. Culp some time ago. Marshall C. R. Organ tendered his resignation as Marshal and Dr. Hensel was elected as his successor. Jersey street was ordered graded and the portion between Richmond and Pendergast graded. Other routine business was transacted.

TO BUILD BIG DOCK.—Nickum & Kelly have just leased from the Ladd estate the block on East Water and Washington streets, formerly occupied by the Standard Box Factory. The firm will proceed at once with the erection of a large dock and gravel and sand bunkers. Improvements costing \$10,000 are to be made. The lease extends for 20 years. Work on the new dock will be started at once.

SONS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION SMOKER.—The Sons of the American Revolution will give a smoker in the rooms of the club on Wednesday evening, February 22. Mr. James F. Ewing and Mr. Harrison G. Platt will read papers appropriate to the occasion. The members of the University Club have been invited to attend as guests of the Sons of the American Revolution.

PROHIBITION ALLIANCE TO MEET.—On Friday evening, February 10, the Multnomah Prohibition Alliance will meet at the Y. M. C. A. at 7:45. Discussion of the local option law and the political situation in the state at this time will come up. The elegant new steamer Northland sails for San Francisco next Thursday. Cabin, \$12; steerage, \$5; meals and berths included. C. H. Thompson, agent, 123 1/2 LADIES, get a new man—give the old man a dollar, send him to King's Turkish Baths, 7th and Washington. Get a new man in return.

"LAW PANCAKES" at the White Temple tonight. Dr. Brougher's topic, "The Oilyphant sisters sing. Baptism. Come early. SCHOOLS, new and second-hand, bought, sold and exchanged, at Old Book Store, Yamhill street, between Second and Third streets. Particulars, 31 North Front. WISS BROS., Dentists, Third and Wash.

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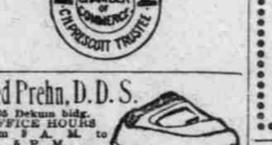
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