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AMUSEMENTS

COLUMBIA THEATER (4th and Washington)
Tonight at 8:15, "The Vagabond"
EMPIRE THEATER (12th and Morrison st.)
Tonight at 8:15, "Lovers' Lane"
LYRIC THEATER (Cor. Alder and 7th)
Tonight at 8:15, "The Grand"
BIOSCOPIC THEATER (6th, near Alder)
Tonight at 8:15, "The Grand"
GRAND THEATER (Park and Washington)
Continues vaudeville, 2 to 10:30 P. M.
STAR THEATER (Park and Washington)
Continues vaudeville, 2 to 10:30 P. M.
BAKER THEATER (Third and Yamhill)
Continues vaudeville, 2:30 to 10:30 P. M.

READING ROOMS PATRONIZED.—Miss Della Taylor, who has charge of the new Sellwood circulating library and reading rooms, which were opened last Friday night, reported that evening that the rooms are being well patronized. Twenty-five of the books supplied by the Portland Library have already been taken out, and there are about that number of applications for more on hand. Last evening there were 25 boys of ages ranging from 12 to 16 in the rooms reading the magazines and books. Rev. E. A. Thompson, who started the agitation for these rooms, was present, and expressed his satisfaction over the interest the young people are displaying, and in confidence the library will prove a success. As soon as the association can take up the matter a regular course of practical talks will be given in the hall, and a boys' club will be formed. Miss Taylor keeps the rooms open from 4:30 to 5:30 P. M. and from 7:30 to 9:30 P. M. During these hours the rooms are lighted and heated, and parents are invited to send their children there.

SELLWOOD HAS TWO FIRE COMPANIES.—Truck Company No. 1, of the Sellwood Volunteer Fire Department, has just been organized, with Miss Taylor as president, who are from the original Hose Company No. 1. It was voted to call the two companies the Sellwood Volunteer Fire Department. Following are officers of the new truck company: Foreman, M. W. Akeley; first assistant foreman, W. C. Spiekmeier; second assistant foreman, W. Burnside; secretary and treasurer, Martin C. Larson. Officers of the hose company remain as before, J. E. Rinkie being foreman. Quarters for both companies are in Freeman's Hall. Sellwood now spreads about City View, so that the two volunteer fire companies will have to protect a large territory.

TAKING A RELIGIOUS CENSUS.—The members of the Midway Presbyterian Church, at Park and Washington, this morning, have started the work of taking a religious census of the district surrounding that church. The territory being covered is between Division and Holgate streets and from the city limits to the city limits. Rev. Jerome R. McClade, the pastor, says that the object of this work is to gather statistics and locate Presbyterian families. The questions asked pertain to church attendance and affiliation. Usually people object to being questioned along these lines, but the canvassers say that since the census has been received with uniform courtesy.

NEW FREE RURAL ROUTE.—Rural free delivery mail route No. 2, from Milwaukie, was established yesterday. Charles Ballard, the carrier appointed, made the rounds yesterday for the first time, and got back in good season. He covers 18 miles, taking in the country from Willaburg to Woodstock, and out to Lentz, serving 102 houses. Ballard says that the people so far have provided themselves with mail boxes. Those without boxes cannot receive their mail, as the carrier is not required to carry them until they have mail boxes. Leo Duffey has been appointed substitute carrier. Route No. 2 is in the direction of Park Place.

HOUSEWARMING TO BE ARRANGED.—The trustees of the Portland Chamber of Commerce will hold a special and important meeting on Friday morning at 11 o'clock. The meeting will have to do with the new arrangements for the housewarming to be held in the new quarters in the Chamber of Commerce block, which are now being occupied. It is the intention of the members of the Chamber to have a very pleasant evening on the occasion of the opening, to which some of the prominent men of the state have been invited. It is also the intention to have prominent speakers from California in attendance.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL ENROLLMENT.—Principal John Teuscher, of the St. John's School, District No. 2, reports the following enrollment: Total, 352, distributed as follows: First grade, 100; second, 75; fourth, 55; fifth, 32; sixth, 22; seventh, 18; eighth, 8. About 20 new pupils have recently entered. With the two extra rooms the school has 20 rooms, and 20 pupils to a room is the average. The enrollment has been remarkable, the enrollment being about 25 per cent greater than it was last year. It is expected that at least two more rooms will have to be provided for next year.

BETTER CAR SERVICE.—The Portland Consolidated Railway Company will soon have through double tracks along the Union-avenue grade over Sullivan Gulch. The iron for the two tracks has been laid over the bridge, and the connections are being made at the ends. These double tracks will result in fewer delays incident to the single track over the bridge. As soon as the railway company has completed its improvement the Union-avenue bridge will be thrown open to the public once more.

POLICEMAN CALLED ON CARPET.—Officer P. C. Anderson, of the local police force, has been ordered to appear before the police committee on charges of brutality in arresting and taking to jail E. J. Swain. The prisoner was drunk and it is alleged by a number of citizens that the officer used excessive and much force in conveying him to the prison.

CHARTER HULL TO CLOSE.—A. F. Miller, master of the new Grange, Patron of Husbandry, organized at 4 o'clock, and instructed to hold the roll of charter members open this week, after which it will be closed. There will be about 50 charter members. This Grange will meet the second and Saturday in each month, and at the next meeting there will be an initiation and basket dinner.

FEDERATION BOARD TO MEET.—The City Federation Board of Women's Clubs will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. L. Samuels, 21 Twelfth street. Some important reports of committees will be received at this meeting.

STEARNS HOMER Sells from Couch-street dock for Coos Bay and Eureka. Saturday, February 18, at 3 P. M. Rates: Coos Bay, cabin 15, second class 12; Eureka, cabin 17.50, second class 13. P. Baumgartner, agent, Main 861. The fine new steel steamer Redondo sails direct for San Francisco Saturday, February 18, at 3 P. M. Cabin 12; steerage, \$8; meals and berths included. C. H. Thompson, agent, 123 Third st. MATHIDA STEVENSON DEAD.—Mrs. Mathilda Stevenson, wife of Contractor Thomas N. Stevenson, living at 286 Gantzenbin avenue, Alhina, died February 14. She was 58 years and 6 months old. Mrs. BALLINGTON BOOTH COMING.—Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth, of the Volunteers of America, will speak at the First Baptist Church, February 24, at 8 P. M. DR. WALTER T. WILLIAMSON has removed temporarily to 412 Main-st. building. Office hours 10 to 12 A. M., and 2 to 5 P. M. Telephone office Main 38, residence East 477. ENTERTAINERS: Sec. dinner 5c; daily, Calu. and 7th. 10c; Monday, 10c; Tuesday, 10c; Wednesday, 10c; Thursday, 10c; Friday, 10c; Saturday, 10c; Sunday, 10c. DR. C. W. BARR, dentist, 217 Duane.

FUNERAL OF O. J. ROBERTS.—The funeral of Councilman O. J. Roberts, of Milwaukie, took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Oddfellows' Lodge. At 1 o'clock the members of the lodge assembled in the hall and sang a requiem to the house, where Mayor William Schindler, members of the Council and officers of the city government had assembled. Here a brief religious service was conducted, when the interment took place in Milwaukie Cemetery, and where the last rites were performed by the Oddfellows. All the business-houses of Milwaukie suspended business while the funeral was in progress, and the school and town flags were set at half mast. The services were largely attended, many coming from Milwaukie. Mr. Roberts had lived in Milwaukie for about 12 years, and was 59 years old. He was a member of the United Artisans and of the Oddfellows' lodge which was recently instituted in Milwaukie.

DAY OF PRAYER TO BE OBSERVED.—The interdenominational observance of the day of prayer for home and foreign missions at the White Temple today, from 2 to 5 o'clock, will be of unusual interest. Ladies of all churches are invited and will be given opportunity to take part in the services. Mrs. James Mackenzie, of the Grace Methodist Church, will lead the first hour, with the general subject of the "Problems of Evangelizing the Incoming Hordes of Immigrants." The second hour will be in charge of Mrs. Gage, of the Congregational Church, and will be devoted to foreign missions. The third hour will be conducted by Mrs. H. N. Scott, of the Calvary Presbyterian Church, with the topic, "Suggestions for Prayer for the differing needs of the Kingdom."

HOBBSKLEASING CAUSES FIRE.—An alarm of fire from Tenth and Morrison streets, called the department to quench a blaze at 1514 Tenth street, but when the firemen arrived upon the scene the fire was extinguished. An investigation showed that an ambitious housewife had attempted to clean the moulding in a room by use of a kerosene lamp and to do the work well had lighted a match to see better. There was a flash immediately and the four walls of the room had a border of flame, while the woman sought the street, badly frightened. As soon as the gasoline burned from the moulding the fire died out without doing more damage than badly smoking the ceiling.

STRANGE TREE BRANCHES VALUED AT \$250.—For destroying and breaking off the branches of a shade tree in front of the residence of E. K. Dearborn, at 301 Union avenue North, W. E. Hastings, a neighbor, is asked to pay \$250. A tree, situated on the dividing line of the two properties, bore branches apparently not to the liking of Hastings, and it is alleged that he cut the tree down and threw them on the rose beds of the plaintiff. The complaint states that a reasonable compensation for the mutilation of the tree and the destruction of the rose bushes will be \$250.

GRANGE MEETINGS SCHEDULED.—The county convention of the Patrons of Husbandry, of Multnomah, will be held in Gresham on Wednesday, March 15, to elect delegates to attend the State Grange in May. Pomona Grange meets in Gresham on this same day and the delegates will be guests of Gresham Grange.

R. L. CATE, successor to Cate & Powell, general agent for the Hawthorne estate and Leed's Addition, Main office, 113 Second street, between Washington and St. George. Phone 626. STEAMER ABERDEEN sails direct for San Francisco Thursday evening, 6 P. M. Cabin, \$12; steerage, \$2; meals and berth included. C. H. Thompson, agent, 123 Third st. FOR RENT, Merrill's Auditorium, February 21 and 22; reasonable rates. Phone Main 3.

ORGAN RECITAL by Frederick W. Goodrich, St. David's Church, tonight, 8 o'clock. Donor's talk Wooster's coffee. Simple it is.

AMUSEMENTS

A Chopin programme: Sonata in B flat minor, op. 25, grave, dotted, movements, scherzo, march funebre, fantasia, op. 37, No. 2; Quatre Preludes, op. 28, Nos. 10, 11, 12, 16; A flat sharp minor, op. 44, No. 2; Valse, A flat major, op. 64, No. 5; Impromptu in A flat major, op. 29, Impromptu in F sharp major, op. 36; Polonaise in C sharp minor, op. 26, No. 1; Mazurka in D flat major, op. 30, No. 3; Mazurka in C major, op. 34, Quatuor Scherzo in E major, op. 54. Seated on a high stool, and amid the glows of a darkened stage, Vladimir de Pachmann gave a Chopin matinee recital at the Marquam Grand Theater yesterday afternoon, and played selections of music which will elicit little but a great effect. He was enthusiastically received, but because of his habit of almost immediately commencing another selection the moment the first one is finished, the applause was cut short. The house was well filled upstairs and about half of the ground-floor seats were occupied. De Pachmann began to put fire into the recital by playing the Valse, A flat major, and he received two recalls, but contented himself with bowing his thanks. The same thing happened when he finished the scherzo and the fantasia. His playing was full up to expectations, and the liquid, sparkling tone is a delight. The soul of Chopin is breathed again to live in the somber, awesome notes. One of the great melodies of the world is in the nocturne in G major, and De Pachmann fully realized the beauty. On closer acquaintance De Pachmann lacks the fire and is best in Chopin. De Pachmann plays tonight in Seattle, and his next concert is at Seattle, February 24, unless he will be in new arrangements. Yesterday's concert was under the direction of Misses Lois Steers and Wynn Coman. J. M.

LUCAS FORSAKES THE FIELD. SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 15.—The baseball game in Spokane stopped, from all indications, and W. H. Lucas has withdrawn, leaving the field clear for the Pacific National League. Lucas will confine his new Northwestern League to the cities of Vancouver, B. C.; Victoria, B. C.; Bellingham and Everett, which is considered a much more feasible plan than his first proposition of taking in Spokane, Butte, Helena, Victoria, Vancouver and Salt Lake. The Pacific National League will include the cities of Spokane, Butte, Salt Lake, Boise, Helena and Ogden. The Lucas league was recognized by the National Association, but the Pacific National was ready to outlaw rather than surrender to him, and had leases on the ball parks of each city in the league, so the Northwestern would have had to spend a large amount of money to start.

To Lead Male Chorus. Frederick W. Goodrich, organist and chorleader of St. David's Protestant Episcopal Church, was elected last night conductor of the Orpheus Male Chorus Club. Mr. Goodrich has had considerable experience in male chorus work, both in this country and in England.

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EXHIBIT IS COSTLY

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Gaston Akoun, commissioner from Persia, Turkey and Egypt to the Lewis and Clark Fair, arrived last night and will be followed shortly by one of the most beautiful and varied exhibits to be housed in the Oriental building. It will be worth many hundreds of thousands of dollars and will fill one-fourth of the entire space of the Oriental building.

AKOUN IS AN ARTIST AND A LOVER OF THE BEAUTIFUL. He has had, besides, much experience in exposition work, and above all he has the material with which to work. The great exporting houses of the Orient have consented to display here their most valuable material. All the richness and splendor of Eastern luxury, the gold, the ivory, the mother of pearl, the gorgeous rugs, the ancient brasses, all that goes to make up the splendor and glamour of the Orient will be on display. It is merely for Mr. Akoun to choose.

AKOUN HAS A SANDALWOOD TEMPLE WHICH TOOK 25 MEN SEVEN YEARS TO MAKE. It stands 55 feet high, is carved into many fantastic shapes and is inlaid with mother of pearl, ivory and gold and silver. The temple is rich in perfume and will scent the whole Oriental building with its fragrance. It is valued at \$75,000. This Mr. Akoun can state with pride will occupy the center of his exhibit.

VALUABLE EXHIBITS TO BE SHOWN. Kelikian & Co. are the best-known collectors of Oriental antiques. Mr. Kelikian, the head of the house, has a collection of antiquities which are valued at \$250,000 and are kept all the time in the vaults of the bank in Paris. These things are considered too valuable to display at St. Louis, but he told Director of Exhibits H. E. Dorsch last summer he would send them here, and Mr. Akoun bears word now that they are sure to come. This will undoubtedly be the most valuable single exhibit at the Fair. Mr. Kelikian has many other displays besides which he will send here. A. K. Bistany, another great expert, will have displays of rugs, both Persian and Turkish. The space for these exhibits will not be taken up by the rugs which are known in this country, but the rare varieties of silkens ones. One of the rugs which will be displayed here is valued at \$35,000 and another at \$17,000. The latter was on display at St. Louis and a wealthy merchant offered \$15,000 for it, but he was refused.

ORIENTAL SHOWS FOR THE TRAIL. The display will be a combination of all the most beautiful things of the Orient. Mr. Akoun will have sole charge of the collection and he is well fitted for the task. He has been one of the largest contributors of his property to the fair in this country. He will have besides this exhibit the concession for all the Oriental displays on the Trail. He will have an attraction there, which, he says, will bring any of his previous efforts in that direction. He has not yet decided what he will call the attraction, but it will be in the form of a street, with every variety of oriental architecture, with every kind of oriental and every kind of Oriental goods sold. The graceful Oriental dances will be held there, and with Mr. Akoun the sole concessionaire in this sort of thing, there will be no chances to which objection can be made.

With Gaston Akoun is his brother, Fernand, who had the best-paying show on the Pike at St. Louis. He will have a show here after the same fashion which he will call the Temple of Mirrors and Foolish House. This will contain deceptive mirrors, the mystic maze, the save the world, the "bump," thundering floors, moving stairways and a dozen other fun-producing devices.

UTAH WILL BUILD PAVILION Delegation En Route Here to Select Suitable Building Site. Utah, which it was feared might not participate in the Lewis and Clark Fair, is about to appropriate \$20,000 in addition to the \$10,000 appropriated two years ago. With this it will erect a state building and provide a creditable display of the state's resources in the regular exhibits building. Special Commissioner J. P. Marshall, who has been in Salt Lake attempting to bring this about, has written home that his mission has now a successful termination in sight and that there is no fear but that Utah will participate fully. For a time, though, it was very much doubted if that state could be induced to come here.

Change in Washington Building. OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—A meeting of the Washington Lewis and Clark Fair Commission has been called for Sunday evening in Tacoma, at which efforts will be made to increase the amount to \$5000 by public subscription. Citizens of Whitman County are enthusiastic over the project and promise substantial aid in gathering and preparing exhibits.

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FIRE OFFICERS ARE NAMED Chief Campbell Selects Men to Protect Exposition From Flames. B. F. Dowell, formerly captain of Truck No. 1, will be the Chief of the Lewis and Clark Fair Fire Department. Yesterday Chief Campbell has devoted much time to the matter of selecting men for the fire department at the Exposition and B. F. Dowell believes that he has a man fitted to fill the position. C. O. Haines, captain; William Harriman, driver; and William Wascher, engineer, comprise the engine company. For the hose company Chief Campbell has selected Porter Loomis, L. Ward, M. L. Cameron, Cyrus Eaton and Park Winkbecker. Lemmon will be driver. Chief Campbell has been exceedingly busy this week purchasing horses for the Fair company. He has obtained what he believes to be eight of the finest horses in Oregon, three dapple greys for the engine, three bays for the truck and two

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SEATS ON SALE TOMORROW Morning at 10 o'clock for the Mary Adell Case CONCERT (Under the direction of Geo. L. Baker.) WHICH TAKES PLACE AT THE MARQUAM THEATER Monday Evening, February 20, at 8:30 o'clock.

MISSOURI IS ASKED FOR \$50,000 Commissioner Melsaak Working for Increase in Appropriation. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The Lewis and Clark Exposition Corporation at Portland, through Commissioner-General C. H. Melsaak, of Portland, who is now here, has asked that the appropriation for Missouri at Portland, be increased to \$50,000. A bill has been introduced which seeks to appropriate \$20,000 at the purpose.

OKLAHOMA MAY SEND EXHIBIT Bill Introduced in Legislature Appropriating \$18,000 for Fair. GUTHRIE, Okla., Feb. 15.—Representative Ballinger introduced a measure in the Legislature appropriating \$18,000 for an Oklahoma exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Exposition. He spoke in favor of such exhibit by the territory, saying that Oklahoma received more benefit from the Louisiana Purchase Exposition than did any state in the Union.

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Good Exhibit From Whitman. COLFAX, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Whitman County will have an exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Exposition in Portland this year. A delegation of prominent business men from all the principal towns of the county met the Commissioners today and urged an appropriation of \$5000 for gathering and maintaining such an exhibit. The board practically agreed to give \$2000, and appointed a committee, consisting of five citizens from each of the three Commissioners' districts in the county, to meet here next Tuesday and select an executive committee to take charge of this appropriation and arrange the exhibit.

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