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AMUSEMENTS.
COLUMBIA THEATER (14th and Washington)
-Tonight at 8:15. "Old Heidelberg."
L'ERIC THEATER (Cor. Alder and 7th)-Farewell comedy, "Beyond the Rockies," 2:30 to 10:30 P. M.
STAR THEATER (Park and Washington)-Continues vaudeville, 2:30 to 10:30 P. M.
BAKER THEATER (Third and Yamhill)-Continues vaudeville, 2:30 to 10:30 P. M.

WORK OF ST. JOHN'S COMMERCIAL CLUB.
-Organized with 55 charter members November 10, 1904, the St. John's Commercial Club now has a membership of 75 active citizens. Its object has been to promote the growth of that new city and encourage new enterprises. It has been the main factor in the city's development...

SAVE SCHOOL BLOCK-A number of East Side people think the block of ground north of the Hawthorne building, East Stark and Fourteenth streets, should be reserved as a playground, and another block secured for the new High School building. "The officers are as follows: President, A. S. Douglas; vice-president, R. Shepard; secretary, J. C. Crome; treasurer, T. J. Monahan.

DEPRESSED LIFE OF CHRIST.-Moving pictures of the most important events in the life of Christ and scenes depicting Biblical stories entertained a large audience at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium yesterday afternoon. The officers were most interesting and presented to those present man's conception of the manner in which Christ lived, preached and traveled and finally his crucifixion. There was a half-hour musical programme by Coulter's Orchestra in the gymnasium before the entertainment in the large hall. Mrs. Reno Hutchinson, contralto, and Lauren Pease, tenor, sang several solos during the services.

WILL RUN NIGHT AND DAY.-The management of the Portland Woolen Mills, at St. Johns, has found that it will be necessary to run the mill night and day. The plant recently received an order for 100,000 yds. of a single fabric. The wheels of the factory began turning November 2, and since that time the number of employees has been constantly increasing, and the mill operating overtime. Wages of the employees will run about \$45,000 per annum, most of which is paid in St. Johns, and Portland, and between 20,000 and 40,000 pounds of wool are used every month.

LARGEST CHERRY TREE IN OREGON.-On the Branch Tucker homestead, near Springfield, are six lots 100x200 feet. One stands the largest and one of the oldest cherry trees in the state. It measures nearly the base 3 feet and 1 inch in circumference, and the trunk is perfectly sound. This tree was planted 25 years ago by Mr. Tucker, when he first came to Oregon. It rivals the famous Black Republican cherry, which stands on the old South Laulie place in Milwaukee. The old tree has never failed to yield a large crop of cherries, and it is already getting ready to do its part in 1905.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CRYSTAL HALL.-The council committee of St. John's will recommend purchase of the property of Joseph Engles, on Jersey street, two blocks from Burlington. It consists of 2,000 square feet, on six lots 100x200 feet. It is fenced, has a comfortable five-room cottage and other improvements. It has a frontage on Jersey street only. The price is \$2,200, and is considered reasonable. The cottage might be used for city purposes until a hall can be erected. At the next meeting of the Council the committee will submit its recommendation.

FIRST WAXY WORM.-The woman of Milwaukee held a meeting a few days ago at the home of Mrs. W. T. Houser, and organized a club to study the social question. It will be an auxiliary to the State Equal Suffrage Association. One of the objects of the club is to study political economy and to keep in touch with the state movement for equal suffrage. The next meeting will be held at the home of Richard Scott at 2 P. M. Thursday next, March 2.

MISSION IS CLOSED.-The men's mission, conducted the past week in St. Mary's Church, Albina, will close last night, with an eloquent sermon by Father P. J. Mulconry, S. J., who also gave the papal blessing. Father Thomas C. McKeough, S. J., preached at the morning mass to a large congregation of men, boys and girls, at the close of the mission, there was a large congregation. Men only were admitted.

THE GREAT MUSICIAN.-"Mare" and his company of artists and musicians will appear in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium tonight at 8:15. The entertainment will consist of magic, music, art-sketching and radio-grammy. "Mare" is the greatest in his line. Reserved seats, 50 cents at the Y. M. C. A.
Mrs. F. A. Kilburn for San Francisco, calling at Coos Bay and Eureka. Sails from Oak-st. dock Monday, Feb. 27, at 2 P. M. Tel. Main 290.
The New England Society will meet this evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of Miss Marie A. Soule, 349 Jefferson street.
HOME-MADE preserved fruit will be auctioned at Wilson's, First and Yamhill, today.
SAVE MONEY at Barrett & Palmer's, trunk, leather goods, umbrellas, 6th-Ald.
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DR. BROWN, eye and ear. The Marquam.

REV. J. A. B. WILSON WILL LECTURE.-"Darkest New York After Dark" is the title of a descriptive lecture that will be given at the Taylor-Street Methodist Church Wednesday evening by Rev. John A. B. Wilson, of California. Rev. Mr. Wilson is the father of the new pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Rev. Clarence True Wilson, and it is to visit his son that he comes to Portland. For five years Dr. Wilson was a minister in downtown New York, and during the crisis of 1892, when 30,000 men were out of work, he took an active part in establishing the famous free soup-houses, and in assisting to lodge and secure work for the worthy. During these trying times as many as 5000 men stood in line upon several occasions at Dr. Wilson's house, waiting for an interview. In his lecture he will describe these scenes and tell of the many "rough diamonds" that he found among the needy, who have since taken great interest in the work of the churches.

FIREBOAT MARKED FIRST-CLASS.-On information furnished by District Engineer Lee G. Holden, and after personal inspection, F. J. Parker, fire inspector of the Board of Underwriters of the Pacific Coast, has marked Portland's fireboat, George H. Williams, as first-class. Mr. Parker has completed a report on the distribution to the insurance companies containing a detailed description of the fireboat, showing up its merits, including the device suggested by Chief Campbell. This is particularly important to the East Side waterfront and the warehouse district, in which the insurance rates have always been very high. With the fireboat marked first-class, the East Side waterfront, and with the new water mains and improved fire hydrants, it is considered impossible that fires such as have swept that district should again occur.

NEW RESCUE HOME.-The work of the Salvation Army Rescue Home for girls has increased to such an extent that it is necessary to move into larger quarters. The home, a completely equipped building for the possession of a large house at 322 East Fifteenth street, corner of Hancock, will move into it March 1. Friends are requested to send in contributions, and to advise any girl in need of help that there is always an open door for her at the home.

RECONSTRUCTION SUNDAY M. E. Church.-The Sunnyside M. E. Church is being overhauled and reconstructed throughout. The cost of improvement will be \$1200.
WISSE BROS., dentists, Third and Wash.

PRISONERS ASK FOR FREEDOM. Write Petition on Collar That They Want to Work.
Of the vagrants and all the hobnob ends of humanity who ever occupied the jail cell has ever had the temerity to petition the Chief of Police for release because he was an expense to the city. The present crowd got together last night, and, apparently affected by the loss of a draught of Spring air that had found its way into their den, decided that liberty would be worth having.

THE PARTICULAR VAGRANT who was behind the scheme was Ed Duffy, who had been in two days ago on the order of Judge Hogue to live six months out of the municipality after living an indefinite time of a woman, whom he could not even claim as wife. Duffy has the longest term to serve of any man there, beating out McGlin, the recently recaptured prisoner, by two days.

It might be suspected that Duffy furnished the collar on which to write the petition, if it were not so dirty, for men of his stamp wear clean linen. At all events, he signed his name first on the list of underlings.

CHIEF LILLIS, entered the "cattle pen" about 11 o'clock last night and found an unusual stir. He rattled his bunch of keys and looked inquiringly at his charge, a lean, hard-fibred fellow, with a short sleeve, holding an ordinary stand-up collar with writing on the inside.

LILLIS glanced over it, and, with an expression of contempt, threw it aside. "No, you don't," he said to the shorth-sleeved man, "we mean what we say."
"Work?" said Lilliss. "You want to get out to work? This is rich."
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PIONEER WOMAN OF WHITMAN COUNTY.
GAINFIELD, Wash., Feb. 26.-(Special.)-Mrs. James Woody, aged 78 years, a pioneer of Washington, is dead.
Mrs. Woody was born in Jackson County, Missouri, February 8, 1827, and was married to James M. Woody in Arkansas, April 17, 1856. When her husband and family came to Washington in 1873 and settled on a farm near what is now Gainfield. Mrs. Woody is survived by an aged husband, five children, 29 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

AT THE THEATERS

"Old Heidelberg."
Karl Heinrich.....Howard Gould
Staatsminister von Haug.....
Von Wodell.....L. Abrey
Hofmarschall Freiherr von Passarg.....
Kammerherr von Epstein.....
Baron von Meining.....
Kammerherr Baron von Meining.....
Doctor Juttner.....William Dills
Lutz.....Donald Bowles
Graff von Akerberg.....George Bloomquist
Von Wodell.....L. Abrey
Kellermann.....Robert Seaton
Roder.....D. M. Henderson
Frau Roder.....Blanche Douglas
Frau Dorfelt.....Laurette Allen
Kathie.....Catherine Bourne
Carl Hill.....Charles W. York
Karl Gesebeck.....Roy Bernard
Von Buzsin.....W. J. Rubick
Von Reinecke.....I. V. Iuba
Steiner.....M. C. Wilton
Neumann.....M. Dudley
Eckhart.....H. Neale
Scholten.....E. Neale
Giants.....Evalo Meidrum
Reisar.....C. Edwards

It is a genuine pleasure to record the fact that the Columbia company has succeeded far beyond all hope and expectation with the most difficult bill ever attempted by a stock organization in this city.

"Old Heidelberg" is a tremendous undertaking. It is one of the most beautiful stage spectacles ever seen. It is a picture on a big canvas, but the details are so finely drawn that in any but the best hands it would become a meaningless blur.

When Mansfield presented the play here last year those of us who have been reading college days loved the unlovable man who played it, and we loved the play with a bitter-sweet yearning for the dead past. When the old boys and the old girls were upon the threshold of a world which was a world of hope and care-free happiness. We loved both for the pain they brought to the throat and the heart. The old boys and the old girls are grown men and women who know the world to be sordid and paltry and arid. So "Old Heidelberg" recalled again the beautiful past to those ones of us who understand it, and we were grateful.

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INDIAN WAR CLAIM.
James McDonald Proposes to Go to the Courts.
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McDonald Tells His Purpose.
Yesterday afternoon McDonald brought forth the statement of his troubles, here-with reproduced and told in detail of his intentions. He is worth for several reasons a measure of the attention of the people in legislative assemblies, and he has been turned down. Therefore, as a last resort, he will seek the arm of justice, and will trust to draw from her motherly heart the best in legislative action. The statement written by McDonald reads:

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JAMES McDONALD, Indian War Veteran.
Public Waiting for Result.
From the foregoing it will be seen that the state will have to ante. There is no other way out of it. Mr. McDonald has exercised all patience. He has gathered claims, and signatures and data, only to be turned down and disregarded. Now he waits, and the public waits with interest and bated breath for the first full blast of war.

Possibilities of Prayer.
A large congregation gathered on Sunday morning to hear Dr. Clarence True Wilson's sermon on the "Possibilities of Prayer." He chose as his text I Tim. 2:8; "I will therefore that men pray everywhere holding up holy hands without wrath and doubting." And the things accomplished by prayer were described and many incidents well authenticated were cited to show how great events which hinged on the results of prayer were known to Christian history. At night the subject was continued and a complete illustration of answered prayer was given in "Elijah's First Test." God that answereth by fire let him be God, 1 Kings 18, 24, being the text.

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Raids Two Chinese Lotteries.
Sergeant Hogeboom raided two Chinese lottery joints last night, securing five prisoners and many lotteries. The first raid was made at 62 Second street, where Lee Wing and Low Gee were arrested. In the second raid, which was made at 42 Second street, Ki Rock, Lee Sing and Wong Gee were taken.

Rev. Father Mulconry to Lecture.
The eloquent evangelist, Father P. J. Mulconry, who closed a series of meetings at St. Mary's Church, Albina, last night, will lecture at St. Patrick's Church this evening at 8:15 o'clock on "The Real Presence in the Eucharist." There will be no admission fee.

ONWARD IS A TOTAL WRECK
Piles Up at Entrance to the Coquille River.
MARSHFIELD, Or., Feb. 26.-The schooner Onward, while attempting to sail in over the Coquille bar yesterday, made a mess of it, and now lies on the beach, just south of the entrance, and will be a total wreck. She pounded for some time on the rocks, and pieces of the wreckage are coming ashore. The crew were all saved.

Lamp Explosion Starts Fire.
By the explosion of a lamp in the apartments of S. Neudelman, on the second floor of the building at 391 First street, last night, at 1:30 o'clock, fire was started which almost destroyed the building, and damaged the residence of J. N. Weinstein adjoining Mr. Neudelman's loss was \$500, fully covered by insurance. The tailor shop of John Oliverio, on the ground floor, was damaged to the extent of \$200; there is no insurance. The Weinstein residence was damaged to the extent of \$100, and insurance covers the loss.

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