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AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAM GRAND (Morrison, near Sixth)—Tonight, at 8:30 o'clock, Creatore's Italian Band.

COLUMBIA THEATER (14th and Washington)—Evening, at 8:05, "Old Heidelberg."

EMPIRE THEATER—(12th and Morrison)—Evening at 8:15, Mahara's Minstrels.

LYRIC THEATER (cor. Alder and 7th)—Comedy-drama, "Master and Man," 2:30 and 8:15 P. M.

STAR THEATER (Park and Washington)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30 to 10:30 P. M.

BAKER THEATER (Third and Yamhill)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30 to 10:30 P. M.

GRAND THEATER (Washington and Park)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30 to 10:30 P. M.

SETTING NEW CASING IN OIL WELL.—A new four-inch iron casing is being set inside the six-inch casing of the oil well on S. I. Ogden's farm on the Peninsula. The new four-inch casing will effectually shut out the water that has interfered with the operation of the drill, and drilling may now go ahead without interference. The well is now 750 feet deep and is passing a strata of sand impregnated with oil. This sand has the appearance of the shale that is usually encountered just before the flow of oil is struck. E. L. Stockton has charge of the works, and has had experience in drilling oil wells before. D. M. Watson and J. C. Hickman, who are experienced in oil wells, visited the Ogden farm the first of last week, and each expressed the opinion that the prospects for the well reaching oil are very encouraging. Other experts, who have visited the well and examined the sand taken from the bottom, also think the prospects are good. It may yet take 500 feet more of drilling before the oil vein proper will be reached, but the promoters are prepared to go down until they find oil, or know there is none to find.

POPULATION OF ST. JOHNS.—From the recent census of the school population of district No. 2, St. Johns, the population of that new city is estimated above 2000. School Clerk Tranch has completed the school census. The number of children of ages between 4 and 20 years is given at 559, which is a gain of 250 over the number last year. Probably no district in the state shows so great an increase in population in a single year as St. Johns. Mr. Tranch extended his figures and makes estimates of population, without counting the transients, or employes in the factories, showing the population as 1829. Taking the actual residents of St. Johns the population is shown to be much greater, not under 2000, and possibly several hundred more. These figures more than justify the prediction made by Councilman T. J. Monahan a year ago that the population of St. Johns would be above 2000 in January, 1905, and would be probably 10,000 in less than five years.

OUTSIDE MINISTERS TO COME IN.—Rev. W. S. Holt, D. D., synodical missionary for the Presbyterians of this state, is making arrangements to have all the Presbyterian missionary ministers of Oregon attend the Chapman meetings, which start March 22. He is arranging for their entertainment for four or five days each among the Presbyterian families of this city and is also securing special transportation rates. There are about 75 ministers who come under this head. He is now asking for the names of families who will furnish entertainment for these ministers while they are in Portland. Baptists are also arranging for their ministers in this state and Washington to visit Portland and take in the Chapman meetings.

TELEPHONE COMPANY STARTS WORK.—The Estacada Telephone & Telegraph Company has started construction work at Estacada. Superintendent Boswell has begun stretching wire for the first telephone line to Springwater, which is the first of the branches to be built. Wire and apparatus are on the ground and the Springwater line will be completed within a short time. The company is also erecting an office building in Estacada, the front of which faces Main street. It will be occupied by the company as soon as completed.

FUNERAL OF MRS. M. B. WOODBURY-HOWELL.—The funeral of Mrs. M. B. Woodbury-Howell was held at her late home, 711 East Ankeny street, Saturday, and the interment was in the cemetery at Harrisburg. Mrs. Howell was 75 years old. She is survived by her husband, George Howell, and the following children: Captain George H. Woodbury, of Klamath Falls; Mrs. A. C. Rubeck, of Spokane; Mrs. A. H. McIntyre and Edith Woodbury, of Portland.

S. S. "ALLIANCE" sails from Couch-st. dock for Coos Bay and Eureka Tuesday night, March 7, at 8. Eureka, $7.50 cabin, $5.00 second-class; Coos Bay, $5.00 cabin, $3.00 second-class, meals and berth included. F. P. Baumgartner, Agent, Main 861. *

ALL A. O. U. W. MEMBERS invited to attend Industry Lodge, No. 8, this evening. Supreme Lodge plan of assessment will be discussed by persons able to present the matter in an intelligent manner. See meeting notice this issue. *

NORTH PACIFIC S. S. CO'S. steamship Roanoke, 2400 tons, sails for Coos Bay, Eureka, San Francisco and Los Angeles, Tuesday, March 7, from Columbia dock No. 1. Office, 251 Washington St. Phone Main 688. Harry Young, Agt. *

INDO LEAGUE.—A meeting of the Indo League will be held today at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Hill, 161 Twenty-third street North. A cordial invitation to all ladies is extended.

WILL HOLD ANNUAL MEETING.—The annual meeting of the Old Ladies' Home Society will be held at 10:30 o'clock this morning at the First Presbyterian Church.

OPPORTUNITY for enrollment will be given at the Domestic Science School, 123 Tenth street, today from 2 to 5 P. M., and 7 to 10 P. M. *

ILLINOIS SOCIETY TO MEET.—The Illinois Society will meet at 8 o'clock tonight in the Board of Trade Hall, Chamber of Commerce building.

DR. R. NUNN, Macleay bldg., has returned—10 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.; 2:30 to 4:30 P. M. *

A CHOICE business property for sale on Third street. Particulars, 31 North Front.*

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STOPPED BY HIS CREDITORS

Young Man From The Dalles Booked at Police Station.

A young man sat in the rear of the police station all day yesterday talking earnestly to a young woman hardly out of her teens, holding a three months' baby in her arms. Captain Gritzmacher sat forward in the police station and felt sorry for all three of them. The young man, who gave his age as 19, when his name went down on the docket, was a good-looking, well-dressed fellow, and the wife who sat looking sorrowfully at him was good-looking, too. He was C. L. Hall, late of The Dalles, and did not deny it when Detectives Kerrigan and Snow took him and his young wife and baby into custody as they got off the O. R. & N. train yesterday morning. A telegram had come from Chief of Police A. B. Wood, of The Dalles, to hold Hall until he arrived, which he did on the evening train. So all day the two sat looking at each other sorrowfully, while the third stuck his pink thumb in his red mouth and was blissfully unconscious of his parents' serious predicament.

What the young man told the young woman was something like this:

"Keep up your courage. I had to run from The Dalles, and it looks pretty bad now with the police on my trail, but I'll straighten up matters all right."

And the young woman seemed to take courage and keep her faith in the boy talking to her, for she grew less melancholy as the day progressed, and when the officer of the law arrived from The Dalles she was quite brave.

Hall had come to The Dalles a little while ago, with a wife and small baby on his hands and little money. His expenses outran his income, and before long he had a multitude of small debts. He bought an interest in a milk route, and that did not prosper, and the time came when it looked easier to make a leave than to stay and try to settle up. He left The Dalles yesterday morning on the early train, but his creditors stopped him at Portland.

AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say.

CREATORE TONIGHT.

Famous Italian Bandmaster and Band at the Marquam Theater.

Tonight at 8:30 o'clock Creatore and famous Italian band of 55 musicians will begin an engagement of two nights with a special matinee tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Included in the programme this evening will be Massenet's "Beautiful Scenes Picturesque," one of the most charming melodies that was ever written. Wagner's overture to the grand opera of "Tannhauser" will also be given. Following is the programme:

PART I.

March—"Tannhauser" ..... Wagner
Overture—"Mignon" ..... Thomas
Tarzetta from "Attila" ..... Verdi
Solos by Signori Tommasino, Forcellati and Taffuso.
Organ offertory ..... Batiste

Intermission.

PART II.

Suite—"Scenes Pittoresques," (a) Marche, (b) "Air de Ballet," (c) "Angelus," (d) "Fete Bohemie" ..... Massenet
Harp solo—"Tema Con Variazione" ... Thomas
Signor C. Sodero.
Overture—"Tannhauser" ..... Wagner

Carriages at 10:30 o'clock.

"The Earl of Pawtucket."

Augustus Thomas has invaded and dramatized New York's famous hotel with the hyphenated title, the Waldorf-Astoria, for the scene of his comedy, "The Earl of Pawtucket," in which Lawrence D'Orsay and his famous original company will appear as the attraction of the Marquam Grand Theater, Portland, Or., for three nights and one matinee, beginning March 12, that has perhaps exceeded in prosperity the career of any comedy ever offered in America, with the possible exception of "Charley's Aunt." Advance sale next Friday.

"Old Heidelberg" at the Columbia.

There is still a chance left to see the most beautiful play of the year, "Old Heidelberg," at the Columbia this week. The success of the piece is so marked, and the demand for seats so unusually strong that Manager Ballard, who takes special pride in this particular offering to his patrons, has decided to run it at least until Wednesday night. Despite the warm, outdoor weather, two large audiences greeted the performances yesterday, and those who had seen it before noticed a vast improvement in the production, natural after a week's playing.

The opening of "Aristocracy" will be announced later.

At the Empire Theater.

"Your Neighbor's Wife" will be at the Empire Theater Friday and Saturday nights of this week. This attraction comes to Portland heralded as a bright comedy with an excellent company of comedians and vaudeville artists. Master Wilfred Dunbar, who plays "Buster Brown," a youthful character familiar to the younger generation, is an exceptionally clever youth and will no doubt please the ladies and children at what the management calls a "Buster Brown" matinee Saturday.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS

Ho! for the Baker.

For the week which opens Monday afternoon at the Baker, there can be but one way to characterize the bill, and that is to say that it is far and away the best ever seen here. It opens with the Fern Comedy Four, the jolliest entertainers in the business; John Welch, the clever song and dance artist; next on the bill are Weaver and Jones, the famous impersonators; the Three Aerial Stuarts, direct from the Orpheum circuit, will create a sensation, and the Wilma Sisters will produce enough enthusiasm to set the town wild; Zenda Numericas, the premier contortionist, will appear for the first time on the Coast, and Alf James, the monologue comedian; Juan Wilson, the illustrated ballad singer, and the biograph will complete the list.

"Master and Man."

The sensational comedy-drama, "Master and Man," which the clever Lyric Stock Company puts on for a week, beginning this afternoon, bids fair to outrival all previous successes in point of merit. The scene of the play is laid up in the Cascade Mountains, and tells the story of one O'Neil, who, while under the influence of a drug, was forced by his companions to sign a paper, swearing he scuttled the ship St. Armory, in order that Gerald Stone, the villain, who had a wife on board, might rid himself of her, even though he sacrificed the lives of hundreds to do so. The play is one of great heart interest, and has an excellent comedy vein running clear through the entire four acts. The finish of the third act, which shows an awful storm at sea, is said to be a highly sensational feature. Vaudeville will be introduced between acts.

Laughing Show at the Star.

A week of mirth begins at the Star with the first show at 2 P. M. today. The public likes comedy, and the new bill is made up of the best merrymaking acts in vaudeville. Ascot, Eddie and Company head the bill in a one-act farce entitled, "Things Will Happen"; Washer Brothers, the original comedy boxing midgets; Hanson and Drew in a comedy playlet, "Breaking Up Housekeeping"; Mardo, the world's greatest comedy juggler, are some of the performers whose applause is never scant. Brilliant feature acts are those of Ione, in an electrical revelation, "La Danse Du Monde," and Nellie Emerson, a dazzling premier danseuse. Arthur Jackson has a new pictured ballad, and the projectoscope some startling moving pictures. Shows at 2 P. M., 7:30 P. M. and 9 P. M. today.

Grand's Big Acts.

This is the week of big acts at the Grand Theater. Nothing like it was ever heard of before in popular-priced vaudeville. The list comprises Dan Mason, formerly of Mason and Mason, of "Rudolf and Adolf" fame, in his first appearance in vaudeville. The return of the Harrises by public demand; Sylvester Jones and Pringle in minstrelsy; Palmer and Robinson, Morrill and Evans, Alf Bonner in a new illustrated song and five great pictures on the Grandiscope. The salary list for the week is something appalling, but the show is great and every act will prove a strong drawing card.

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TOO MANY NORMALS

Grangers Believe Four Schools Exceed Requirements.

UNWILLING TO TAKE ACTION

Members of Grange Think Support of Institutions a Waste of Public Funds—Believe They Shall Not Take Up Matter.

The Grangers of Multnomah County, who number about 600, are a little conservative as to their attitude toward the appropriations made by the last Legislature for the support of the four Normal Schools in this state, judging from the sentiment expressed at the meeting of Evening Star Grange, Saturday, and from its refusal to take any action either way.

During the day C. Milem, a prominent member, interviewed as many of the members as possible on the subject of the initiative being used to wipe out at least all but two of the Normal Schools. Indeed, Mr. Milem went much further and declared he wanted all the Normal Schools suspended or wiped out of existence. Mr. Milem desired to get the Grange to take some official action, but in this he was not successful. While most all the members thought that some of these Normal Schools were wholly unnecessary and should be wiped out, they were not prepared to commit the Grange to any official action in the matter. Mr. Milem persisted and tried to bring up the question before the Grange, but Master J. J. Johnson would not allow it to come up.

"It is a great waste of our public money," said Mr. Milem, "to support four local schools in different portions of the state. We have the State University at Salem and the Oregon Agricultural College, at Corvallis. Are they not enough for the education of young people for the profession of teaching without engrafting these Normals on to the public, which are nothing more than local schools and which support faculties?"

One School Enough.

Mrs. H. L. Vail, a prominent member, expressed herself last evening as opposed to the continuance of so many Normal Schools, and thinks that not more than one, if any, should be maintained in this state.

"A student attending the Normal can travel to one as well as to another," she said. "One would be enough, besides we have our State University at Eugene. But I am opposed to the Grange taking up the matter. We should be very careful what we do as an organization. It is my opinion that the initiative would not be the proper action to take, but that the question of cutting out some of these Normals should be done through the regular channels. How can we say which schools should be cut out through the initiative? I talked with a number of our members and they think as I do, that there are too many Normal Schools, but they have not yet given the subject sufficient consideration to decide whether they favor the initiative or not as a means of handling the question. By the time of Pomona Grange meeting, which will be Wednesday, March 15, at Gresham, they will be able to give an opinion on the subject."

Opposed to Grange Acting.

"I am opposed to the Grange taking any action relative to Normal Schools," said N. W. Bowland, the lecturer. "I think it would not be a good thing. I am not giving my own opinion of the Normals."

"Let each member decide for himself," said W. S. White. "We have too many Normal Schools, but it would not be good policy for the Grange to take up the matter officially. We can act as individuals when the time comes."

Evening Star Grange has a membership of nearly 300, and about 140 were present Saturday. All who expressed themselves at all thought there were too many Normal Schools, and that the number should be reduced, but said they had not given the subject enough consideration to state how they would bring this about.

Runaway Boys Captured.

Jimmy McKenna and Joe Regan, two runaway boys from San Francisco, were turned over to the care of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society yesterday. They had ridden to Portland in boxcars and on brakebeams, and were pretty well fagged out, but not too tired to resent the action of their uncle, J. J. Fitzsimmons, with whom they sought refuge. On arrival they went to his room in the Stewart Hotel, and were discovered there by him. They expected him to shelter and foster them, but instead he informed the police that he had a pair of runaway boys on his hands, and won by doing this their everlasting enmity.

ONE OF THE LEADERS IN THE CHAPMAN REVIVALS

REV. R. A. WALTON, D. D.

Rev. R. A. Walton, D. D., one of the leaders of the great Chapman revivals, which open in Portland, March 22, is one of the most widely known evangelists in America. He has conducted revivals in all parts of the country, and he has invariably been successful. Rev. Mr. Walton is a wonderful orator. He has an intensity and sincerity of character which impresses everyone with whom he comes in contact.

WITHYCOMBE IS A CANDIDATE

Passing Through Portland He Tells of Gubernatorial Aspiration

Dr. James Withycombe, director of the experiment station at Corvallis, is an avowed candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor under the direct primary law. The doctor passed through Portland last night on his way to Umatilla, Union and Baker Counties, where he will assist in holding agricultural institutes.

"Yes," said he, "I am a candidate for the Republican nomination, and I think I have a good chance for winning. I have lived in Oregon 34 years, and always have been a regular Republican. I believe in organization in politics and am of the opinion that party purposes can be attained only in that manner. But I do not favor machine or ring organization and will certainly not put myself before the people in that way."

Dr. Withycombe is the first aspirant for Governor to come out from under cover. He says that he thinks the party should hold a state convention for enunciation of party principles but not for nomination of candidates for office. He believes it would be well, however, for such a convention to recommend several candidates for each office to the people.

Dr. Withycombe's legal residence is in Washington County, where no opposition has developed against him.

Among the other Republican eligibles thus far mentioned are C. A. Johns, of Baker County; L. R. Webster, of Multnomah; George C. Brownell, of Clackamas; W. Kuykendall, of Lane; Henry E. Ankeny, of Lane; C. H. Carey, of Multnomah; T. T. Geer, of Marion, and Malcolm A. Moody, of Wasco.

AT THE THEATERS

"OLD HEIDELBERG."

Karl Heinrich	Howard Gould
Staatsminister von Haugk	George B. Berrell
Hofmarschall Freiherr von Passarge	F. Charles
Kammerherr von Breitenberg	Barry Dodson
Kammerherr Baron von Metzing	L. Athey
Doctor Juttner	William Dills
Lutz	Donald Bowles
Graf. von Asterberg	George Bloomquest
Von Wedell	L. Athey
Kellermann	Scott Seaton
Ruder	D. M. Henderson
Frau Ruder	Blanche Douglas
Frau Dorffel	Laurette Allen
Kathie	Catherine Countiss
Carl Bitz	Charles W. York
Kurt Engelbrecht	Roy Bernard
Von Bausin	Iva Inks
Von Reincke	W. Rubeck
Steiner	C. Wilson
Neumann	M. Dudley
Eckhart	H. Scott
Scholermann	A. Neale
Glanz	Evalo Meldrum
Reutar	C. Edwards

Owing to the unusual interest which the public has taken in "Old Heidelberg," as presented by the Columbia players, Manager Ballard decided to repeat it for the first half of the present week.

For the first time in the history of local stock companies, the same bill was presented for a second time at the Sunday opening yesterday, and the audiences both matinee and night were as large and appreciative as a week ago. The performance was much improved over that given a week ago and was as free from hitches as a first-class road production. "Old Heidelberg" is the high-water mark for stock in Portland and should enjoy a prosperous repeat-engagement.

"Aristocracy" will be presented Thursday night and will complete the week.

Mahara's Minstrels.

At the Empire is offered a real negro minstrel show with the added novelty of a number of women in the ensemble. Mahara's Minstrels opened an engagement yesterday afternoon at the upper Morrison-street theater to a large audience, which was duplicated in size at night. Some of the features of the show are above the average and some below. Gordon Collins, the prize comedian, is a funny end man, who sings topical songs well enough; Bessie La Belle is a female baritone of much merit and Tom Owsley and Louise Lesten are successful entertainers. A certain Professor Damon plays the violin, 'cello and banjo satisfactorily and J. A. English is a clever hoop-roller. The others fit in. It's a pretty fair attraction at the prices and the public seemed to be pleased. Same bill until Thursday.

IT WOULD NOT DO

Why Seattle Band Was Not Engaged.

DIERKE MADE NO OFFER

Telegram From the Northern City Announcing Such a Proposition Is Pronounced Rubbish by Local Musical Manager.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 5.—(Special.)—Charles Dierke wanted T. H. Wagner, of this city to send 30 of the best out of his band to Portland to play with an organization that Dierke was to make up of Seattle and San Francisco musicians. Dierke told Wagner that no Portland musician would be in the band. The soloists were to be brought from the East. Dierke offered Wagner $35 a man a week for the 29 men and $75 a week for Wagner if Wagner would bring his entire musical library with him.

Wagner declined the offer, because it would break up his band in Seattle and would take his library out of the city so that the men he left behind could not get engagements. Wagner said he would consent to such an arrangement only if the Portland musicians asked him for help, because the Portland musicians helped him out here three years ago during the Elks' carnival.

Wagner later wrote to the secretary of the Fair, offering to take his entire band of 40 pieces to Portland for $1600 a week and transportation, to play as long as required. He received word that his proposition had been submitted to the committee on music. He has heard nothing further from Dierke or the Fair management.

"I made no effort to engage musicians from Mr. Wagner," said Mr. Dierke last night when shown the dispatch from Seattle. "I was in Seattle early last month on business, and while there was present at a rehearsal of Mr. Wagner's band. Not the entire band was present—perhaps some 14 or 15 players were there—some had new instruments and there were some poor players among them. There were also, as in all cities like Seattle and Portland and other places, a number of clever players, but as a band those that I heard at that time would not do. Mr. Wagner did ask me if I could use some of his musicians, and I told him that there were one or two that might do, but as for trying to make a deal for 30 players, that's all rubbish. There were not 30 players present at the rehearsal.

"I made Mr. Wagner no offer for musicians. We talked about the music for the Lewis and Clark Fair, and I told him that I was going to engage my soloists from the East, and that I would go to San Francisco and secure my musicians, rehearse them for about four weeks and then bring them to Portland by boat. I did not say there would be no Portland musicians in the band. It is hard to get local musicians, for they are all engaged, and they would not break their engagements, which run through the Summer, in order to join my band.

"There must be some mistake about that library business. Mr. Wagner asked me if I had a library and I told him that I had one, but that I expected to add to it either by sending to Chicago or getting more music while in San Francisco. He told me I could use his, but we have not discussed the matter since. There must be some mistake.

"I am selecting my musicians from San Francisco, because I believe that there are just as good musicians in San Francisco as one could get in New York or Chicago."

ON MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Theme of Discussion at the People's Forum.

The question as to the feasibility of municipal ownership was taken up before the meeting of the People's Forum at Knights of Pythias Hall last evening. Thomas N. Strong read a long treatise on the good results of municipal ownership in cities where it had been tried.

"Municipal ownership does not mean the sacrificing of rights of certain individuals, but is simply the retention of that which rightfully belongs to the people," said Mr. Strong. He cited the example of Berlin, which practically controls its street railway system, in comparison with Chicago and other American cities. In the course of his reading Mr. Strong incidentally remarked that he would rather own the electric street railway franchise of Portland than all the wealth owned by any three of Portland's richest citizens if taken from a strictly business standpoint.

"We all talk of the liberty and independence of the American citizen which characterized our forefathers, yet we are not the equal of the Russian serfs who are rising against that cutthroat, the Czar," said J. D. Stevens, in discussing municipal ownership. "We are taxed unjustly from our infancy until we are buried beneath the earth's soil, with hardly a protest."

"The fares on street-cars not only should be reduced, but we should be allowed to ride for nothing," said H. D. Wagnon, who took a hand in the discussion. If such was the case residences located on the outskirts of cities would be worth as much as homes and lots situated in more central locations. While not so bad, the system of taxation in Portland resembles the taxation in Mexico. In certain cities of that country the people are taxed $15 for marriage, and $15 for burial licenses. Here professional men are taxed and corporations practically escape."

At the meeting of the People's Forum to be held next Sunday night, Arthur W. Jones will address the assembly on "Trade Unionism."

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