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AMUSEMENTS.

**MARQUAM GRAND THEATER** (Morrison St., bet. 2d and 3d)—Show at 8 o'clock: "Klaw & Erlanger's stupendous production, "The Mice."  
**DELACROIX THEATER** (14th and Washington)—Evening at 8:15, White Whittlesby in "Prince Otto."  
**BAKER THEATER** (Third and Yamhill)—Tonight at 8:15: "The King of Kings."  
**EMPIRE THEATER** (12th and Morrison)—Tonight at 8:15: "Why Women Sin."  
**GRAND THEATER** (Park and Washington)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30 to 10:30 P. M.  
**ETAR THEATER** (Park and Washington)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30, 9 P. M.

**OPENING LECTURE SUCCESSFUL.**—The opening lecture of the course by the Sellwood Library Branch Association, Tuesday evening, by Rev. Henry Marcotte, on "Robert Browning," was a gratifying success. It was given in the library-room, which was packed to the door, and many crowded the sidewalk in front. President A. N. Villa presided, and made some opening remarks, calling attention to the work of the Library Association, and asked for donations of magazines for the tables. He then introduced Rev. Marcotte, who gave a very fine analysis of Browning as a poet. He said, among other things, that it was common report that Browning was not understood, but Mr. Marcotte said it was not Browning's obscurity, but rather the fact of his readers. Browning, he said, led something to the imagination to fill in, and he struck the nail, and the reader must see the sparks. He then read the high-class lecture. Mrs. Johns Tynan was in charge of the music. Miss Isom, of the Portland Library, was present, with two members of her staff. She spoke of Browning, and gave a list of books on his life, and brought with her several books bearing on his work. The next lecture will be given by Rev. H. H. Pratt on "Sidney Lanier." In the assembly-hall of the Sellwood School, November 21, which will be provided by the Board of Education for the remaining lectures.

**OFFERS PRIZES FOR ESSAYS.**—The Oregon Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will offer two sets of prizes for patriotic historical essays. For students of the public schools of the state, the prizes are \$25, \$15 and \$10, respectively, for the first, second and third best essays on "John Paul Jones" and on "Domestic Life in the Time of the American Revolution." The conditions of the competition will be given in a circular. To the students of the colleges, academies, seminaries and normal schools of Oregon, prizes of \$60 and \$40 will be given for the first and second best essays, respectively. The subjects and conditions will soon be announced. The generous donations of the Hon. C. C. Beaman and of Dr. Henry Walden enable the society to offer the college prizes.

**WILL NOT INCORPORATE.**—J. V. Beach, attorney for those who would incorporate Montavilla, yesterday withdrew the petition before the County Court asking for a vote on the subject. The reason for the withdrawal was that the opposition has developed, so that it was considered unwise to go ahead. The cause of this opposition is attributed to the increased water supply that has been secured, as the city sells the Mount Taber Water Company 50,000 gallons per day. Since this water was secured, the supply has been ample for domestic purposes. As it was abundant, it is estimated that the city would obtain through incorporation, the prime reason for the movement has vanished.

**CONFERS WITH MANAGER O'BRIEN.**—The committee on the Oregon Agency of Improvement Association, consisting of G. C. Flanders, Joseph Buchtel and Councilman John P. Shurkey, will arrange for a conference with Manager J. P. O'Brien, of the Harriman Hotel, concerning the depot matter. There has been no definite announcement as to what the management of the Southern Pacific Railway Company will do regarding the establishment of a passenger and freight depot for the people of the East Side. Mr. O'Brien says that no decision had been reached up to a few days ago as to what course would be taken.

**WANTED.**—A good underwriter, to act as district manager for the Oregon agency of the Equitable Life. Apply to Allenberg & Fleming, Managers, Oregonian building, \*CORONATION BLDG., 3d and Washington. Having lent all her influence toward his promotion, Mrs. Woodcock appeared at police headquarters yesterday afternoon and congratulated Acting Chief Griswold upon his accession to the throne of power there. He was overcome with emotion at her words of praise. Having but little time to spare on any one mission, Mrs. Woodcock left the street and disappeared in the throng.

**FUNERAL OF VIRGIL EARP SUNDAY.**—The remains of Virgil W. Earp, a frontiersman well known on the Pacific Coast, who died recently at Goldfield, Nev., arrived in Portland yesterday, the body lying at Finley's undertaking rooms. Funeral services by members of the G. A. R., of which Earp was a member, will be held Sunday from the undertaking establishment.

**SAYS HE FOUND SILVER SPOONS.**—Frank Curtis was arrested by Detectives Kerrigan and Snow yesterday morning, and in his possession was found a lot of silver spoons, thought by the officers to have been stolen. He said they were found by him under a log on East Burnside street. The officers desire to ascertain to whom the silverware belongs.

**OAK STREET NEEDS PAVING.**—Municipal Judge Cameron is of the opinion that the city should pave Oak street, between Second and Third. This is directly in front of police headquarters and the building in which court is held. At present the condition of the thoroughfare is very bad. It is almost impassable in places, and the mud is quite deep.

**BUILDINGS FOR SALE.**—All of the large exhibit buildings constructed by the Lewis and Clark Commission, excepting Forestry building and including the Oregon building, fire and police station, are for sale at private sale. See Jefferson Myers, President, at the Oregon building or E. C. Giltner, Secretary, at the Chamber of Commerce.

**MAIN COMPLETED.**—The large water main has been laid from the new pumping station near Lents to the water tower near Stuart's station. As the main is of wood, it will be allowed to soak for a few days before connection will be made with it. The water will be obtained from a well half a mile from Lents station.

**HOME TRAINING ASSOCIATION.**—The Home Training Association will meet this afternoon in the community room of the City Hall to listen to a paper by Mrs. A. J. Montgomery, on "Religious Training in the Home." The association is absolutely nonsectarian, and the general public is cordially invited to attend.

**SARAKI INQUEST.**—A jury impaneled for the inquest over the body of S. Saraki, yesterday afternoon, rendered a verdict of death by wounds inflicted by Kinia Kasaska. There were but two witnesses. Coroner J. P. Finley conducted the investigation.

**RUMMAGE SALE.**—By ladies of Third Presbyterian Church at 94 Union avenue, October 28, 29, 30. Donations solicited and received at 94 Union avenue any day this week.  
**CLAREMONT TAVERN.**—Northern Pacific train, 7:30 P. M., stops at Claremont, returning 10:45 P. M.  
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WORDS ARE WARPED

Rev. James Edmunds Explains His Spokane Speech.

DID NOT ASSAIL G. A. R.

Himself Son of a Veteran, Baptist Missionary Declares That Report Misrepresents Language, Spirit and Purpose.

IT is simply the setting up of a straw man, and then knocking him down. I am the son of a veteran and I yield to no man in honoring the veterans of the Civil War. When the members of the Grand Army of the Republic were marching along Sixth street, on their way to the Exposition grounds, I stood in front of the Oregonian office and I was the only man in that vast crowd who stood with bowed head. Rev. James Edmunds, of Portland, who was recently quoted as assailing the veterans of the Civil War in an address before the Baptist convention of Washington and Idaho, in Spokane, made the foregoing remark yesterday at his home. Mr. Edmunds has just returned from his trip to Spokane. He is the Sunday school missionary of the American Baptist Society of the department of the North Pacific Coast. He spoke on "Mission to Childhood," during his visit to Spokane and in consequence of his speech, or rather the report of his address, for he says he was misrepresented and misquoted, he was subjected to severe criticism in the Spokane papers. At Portland, also, the members of the G. A. R. were very indignant and adopted caustic resolutions.

Says He Was Misquoted.  
 "The spirit, purpose and language of my address on that occasion were misrepresented in the report that was published," said Rev. Mr. Edmunds yesterday. "The reporter did not take a stenographic report of what I said that evening, but took down what was published in long-hand, and in the course of the meaning of my reference to the Civil War veterans, not intentionally, perhaps. In my audience were many prominent residents and some members of the G. A. R. and they made no criticisms on what I said. In the published interviews in Spokane, based on the report made of my speech there, no quotations made from people who attended the meeting and heard my address, but the expressions were from people who never heard the address at all."

Asked for Refund of License.  
 The finishing chapter on the Orpheum theater was written yesterday when W. V. Smith, architect, filed an application with the City Auditor for the return of \$111.50, the unearned portion of his liquor license for the present quarter. The place is being transformed into a vaudeville theater, under other management.

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Talks With Lesser Lights

THE Man Who Was sat on a dirty crackerbox nursing a distorted, bloated, wrinkled, unshaven countenance between a pair of smugly, fat hands. He was stripped to the waist like the stoker of an ocean liner for the jailer had taken his clothing to be fumigated, as a sanitary precaution.

This was the man, they told me, who laid the first street-car tracks up Washington street, who was construction foreman for the big railroad when they made their appearance in Portland; who was to be known as the best railroad foreman in the West; and as such earned the nickname of "Jim Hill." And while fate has not inscribed his name on the scroll of fame it appears on the vane of records at the City Jail more times than that of any other five vagabonds in the state.

Jim was so absorbed in reverie that I hadn't the heart to disturb him. After two hours I came back again to find he hadn't moved a muscle. It seems he can only be dispersed from a caricature in case at such times as rations are served or when his days of service are up. On other occasions he sits with his face in his hands. What he is thinking about no one has ever been able to find out. It is probable, however, that he is striving to keep in mind one of the most overpowering thirsts that ever consumed the soul of man.

I called him by name several times, but he did not hear and the jailer then poked him with a stick, whereupon he looked up with great deliberation. "Phew! the drink, you want?" he growled and then his face dropped back to roost in his hands.

From Democrat to Anarchist.  
 Not until the past three years has Jim quit work entirely and become a ward of the city. His wife left him early in his career of drunkenness, and he drank up all his belongings. He has been known to sell the shirt, supplied by the city, off his back, in order to get a drink. Where he used to be a good Democrat he is now a confirmed Anarchist. "The Government is the oppressor of the poor," he said bitterly. "They keep a poor devil

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