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AMUSEMENTS

BAKER THEATER (54 and Yamhill)—  
 Miner's "Americans" tonight.  
 EMPFIRE THEATER (12th and Morrison)—  
 "Hooligan in New York" tonight at 8:15.  
 GRAND THEATER (Park and Washington)—  
 Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M.  
 FANTASIES THEATER (4th and Stark)—  
 Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M.  
 STAR THEATER (Park and Washington)—  
 Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZES FOR BUSINESS

R. Sinnott, J. D. Lee, H. H. Newhall, Henry Myers, H. C. Giff, J. D. Lee, department store committee from the East Side Improvement Association, met yesterday afternoon at the East Side Bank and outlined a plan of action. The committee was appointed for the purpose of investigating systematically the feasibility of an East Side department store, centrally located. The committee went into the question exhaustively, considering all its phases, from the combination of small stores under one management to a complete big concern. It was decided to communicate with Eastern firms J. D. Lee, who has been connected with the Portland Board of Trade, and is familiar with methods of reaching the centers of capital, was authorized to prepare and have printed a circular letter setting forth the situation and what is wanted. These will be sent to trade centers. Also the large trade journals will be used. By this means the committee expects to obtain substantial results. The other committee, on stop-over street-car tickets, composed of C. A. Biglow, H. Baumer, Mr. Danke, D. Kellaher and W. L. Boies, has not yet taken action.

MIRIAM AT ROSARY CHURCH.—Two eminent Dominican missionaries, Fathers Cahill, O. P. S. and O'Connor, O. P. S. of New York, are coming to Portland to conduct a week's mission in the Rosary Church, Union avenue and Clackamas street. The mission will begin Sunday morning, February 11, and close Sunday evening, February 17. The mission will be a distinguished and well known in this country. They have been holding missions in California for several months. Their Portland mission will be their last appearance on this coast. The order of services on week days will be: Masses at 8, 9, 10 and 11 A. M., and each morning during the mission the Rosary will be recited before the 5 o'clock mass. Instruction in the Catholic faith will be given.

GRAND EXHIBITION OF JAPANESE ART OBJECTS.—Today a number of valuable pieces of Japanese high art are on display for public inspection on the premises of the Japan Art Trading Company, 287 Washington street, between Third and Fourth streets. Everybody who has visited the store will appreciate the distinguished and well known in this country. Lovers of true art are cordially invited. "Come today and you will find it interesting and profitable." A beautifully printed and beautifully illustrated catalogue free on application. The entire collection will be sold by public auction, commencing Monday, February 5, at 2 o'clock P. M.

MUST REGISTER IN ST. JOHN'S.—Those who want to vote at the municipal election in St. Johns, April 2, will have to register. As the town has 250 people now it comes under the operation of the direct-primary law. Registration books have been opened at the office of Mayor W. H. King, and are in charge of E. C. Hubbard. Voters must register either in St. Johns or at the County Clerk's office. There are left two months in which to register for the St. Johns election.

FREDERICK W. GOODRICH HONORED.—It will please the many friends of Frederick W. Goodrich, the organist and choirmaster of St. David's Protestant Episcopal Church, to know that the management of the Lewis and Clark exposition has just conferred upon Mr. Goodrich a diploma for valuable services rendered at the exposition. At the latter, Mr. Goodrich was in charge of the Oregon music day, and he gave organ recitals daily in the Oregon Forestry building.

SERVICES FOR POLISH PEOPLE.—Rev. Father Serokki, of Sublimity, Or., will conduct services at St. Francis Church, East Eleventh and Oak streets, Sunday forenoon, for the benefit of Polish people. There will be masses at 8, 9 and 10:30 A. M. There will be no sermon, but Father Serokki will address the Polish people in their own language after the 10:30 mass Sunday. People of this nationality will receive a welcome to the church Sunday forenoon.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.—The pupils of the Williams-Avenue School will give an entertainment this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the library. An interesting program has been prepared. There will be drills by groups of pupils. Thirty boys compose one chorus. Stereoscopic scenes of the Civil War, and Egyptian scenes will be given.

REV. GILMAN PARKER ARRIVES.—Rev. Gilman Parker, of Alameda, Cal., arrived yesterday morning to enter on his work as pastor of the funeral home in St. John's Church. He will hold his first service Sunday. Rev. Mr. Parker was superintendent of missions for several years. He had been absent from Oregon about six years.

BURIED IN PORTLAND.—F. W. Dunkle, aged 29 years, died at Winnemucca, Nev., Jan. 26. The body has been brought to Portland, and the funeral will take place from the home of his father, J. P. Dunkle, 47 East Fifteenth street, today at 2 P. M. The young man had lived at Winnemucca for the past nine years.

PIONEER FATALITY.—Holt-grieve, a pioneer living on Columbia Slough, is hopelessly ill. His health has been failing for some time. Yesterday he was not expected to live more than 24 hours. Mr. Holt-grieve is one of the best-known settlers in that district.

AT TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL.—"The True Opinion" or the "Scorn of Consequence," will be the subject of the sermon by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, at Temple Beth Israel, Strangers are always welcome.

COLUMBIA COUNTY POMONA MEETS.—Columbia County Pomona Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, will hold its quarterly meeting tomorrow at Warren, W. P. Young is master. Business of importance is coming up at this time.

S. BARLER IMPROVING.—S. Barler, a pioneer East Side furniture dealer, who was stricken with paralysis Saturday night, was reported yesterday to be slightly improved.

TENANT WANTED FOR PART OF ALL OF a three-story brick to be erected to suit on southwest corner of 5th and Oak. Dammer, 63 Commercial of Commerce.  
 Lost—On Williams avenue, between Cherry and Tillamook, three sheets of call plan for residence. Reward. Return 411 Chamber of Commerce.  
 FIVE-ROOM FLAT, 37 Taylor; elegant bath; strictly modern. Graves Music Store, 232 Washington street.  
 GO TO HEAR Miss Hurley, Miss Connell and Mr. Street at Grace M. E. Church tonight at 8:30.  
 CARNAVALS, lilies and elegant floral pieces reasonable. Burkhardt, Su Gilesen. Dr. MARSHALL has returned. Marquam.  
 Lower Tariff to Southern Oregon. Southern Pacific freight officials announce a new rate of 75 cents a hundred on furniture from Portland to Southern Oregon points, with a minimum of 1200 pounds in cars 40 feet or less in length. The new rate is the result of advice from Portland jobbers and dealers in the southern part of the state that the present minimum of 20,

360 pounds is too large to give the best results. The new freight will permit buying in smaller lots and will enable dealers to keep better stocked. The new rate is effective February 10. The Southern Pacific will also make smaller shipments of cereals and breakfast foods profitable to the same territory. To Grant's Park the rate will be 45 cents per 100 pounds, with corresponding rates south of that point. This tariff is on less than carload lots. At present this merchandise is moved in carloads, but the freight men recognize the desire to increase the quantity moved from Portland in smaller lots than are now handled. This rate will go into effect February 15.

BIGGER GAS BILLS

Consumers Annoyed at Excessive Charges.

COMPLAINT OF DR. SHORT

Pays Nearly Four Times As Much as He Did Last Summer. Though He Is Using Less Gas

Now Than Then.

Renewed protest at the exorbitant charges of the Portland Gas Company were heard on all sides yesterday, which was the first day for the payment of West Side bills for the month of January. In many cases the bills for the past month were even higher than those of December, which raised such a storm of protest, and the sentiment of consumers, who are paying higher prices than residents of other cities, and for an inferior article, shows that they would gladly sacrifice an opposition company or any other influence which would assure reasonable prices or better gas.

Dr. F. Burgette Short, pastor of the Taylor-street Methodist Episcopal Church, was most outspoken in his dissatisfaction with the charges of the gas company. "It is not the amount of my bill which I mind," he said, "but the fact that it has been constantly increasing. I have been burning less gas than at other times when I have been charged less. The bill for gas in my residence at 321 Eleventh street is \$2.50 for the past month, and was only \$1.15 for January, 1905. Now, as a matter of fact, I used much less gas last month than I did then. Last month I was out practically every night conducting revival services, so that the gas was burned very little in the evening. I am entirely at a loss to account for the size of my bill. It is perfectly evident that I am paying more and burning less gas than I did one year ago. And yet the gas company is supposed to have reduced its prices in that time. I suppose if it had paid prices up my gas bill would have gone down."

"It would appear that the charges for gas also varies with the season, for last summer, when I was burning a large amount of gas for cooking purposes, my bill was only \$1.50 a month. As a usual thing I cooked both breakfast and dinner on a gas range in the hot months, and it must have taken considerable gas. That should have to pay little more than \$1 for it then, and more than \$1 last month, when we were very seldom at home in the evening, is peculiar."

Need Opposition Company.  
 Dr. Short is of the opinion that an opposition gas company is needed. "It certainly is the remedy for the present conditions," he said. "Let us have a little competition, and we shall see prices go down with a rush."  
 The case of Dr. Short is simply an example of the way in which thousands of customers have been overcharged for the city's gas. The Portland Gas Company is distributing gas at a profit, and the bills have been going up while prices have nominally been reduced as well shown by the bills of Dr. Short for the past 12 months. Taking them in order, beginning with last month, they are: January, \$1.50; December, \$1.50; November, \$1.50; October, \$1.15; September, \$1.15; August, \$1.15; July, \$1.15; June, \$1.15; May, \$1.15; April, \$1.15; March, \$1.15; February, \$1.15; January, \$2.50.

AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say

"RIGOLETTO" TUESDAY

Seats Are Now Selling at Box Office of the Marquam.  
 Seats are now selling for Verdi's useful opera "Rigoletto," which the Grand Opera Company will give at the Marquam Grand Theater Tuesday afternoon, February 6, at 2:15 o'clock. It was definitely decided day before yesterday to produce this opera in order to give the hundreds of music-lovers who were unable to purchase seats for the opera previously announced an opportunity of hearing the great company. The tickets are entirely gone for every performance with the exception of "Rigoletto."

"Americans" at the Baker.

There will be but two more performances of Miner's "American Burlesque Company" at the Baker—tonight at 8:15 and tomorrow matinee. There is no performance tomorrow night and though this fact is published time and time again, there are many people who come to the Baker every Saturday evening amused when they find there is no show. The company leaves after the matinee for San Francisco. Miner's "Americans" will repay any one attending this week. The music is lively and original, the scenery artistic, glittering and surprising, the costumes beautiful and the electrical displays novel and bewildering.

Crowds to See "Happy Hooligan."

"Happy Hooligan" has drawn large crowds to the Baker each evening. The play is being laughed at by many eccentric adventures in the great city of New York, where, with his wonderful dog Flip, he appears in the role of a professor for a south-seaweed blind flower girl. "Hooligan in New York" contains a very strong melodramatic plot and thrilling and exciting scenes galore. It is a good show and Portland has followed the lead of all other cities where it has played this season and taken it up strong. The last three performances will be given at the Baker tonight, tomorrow matinee and tomorrow night.

"The County Chairman" Coming.

The quaint picturequeness and homely humor of George Ade's comedy, "The County Chairman," has endeared it to a score of the city's dramatic admirers. The beautiful people particularly to lovers of refined, clean-cut characters taken from everyday life and portayed by a cast of players up to the standard of excellence maintained by all companies bearing the Henry W. Savage trademark. Mr. Ade has transcribed from nature to find himself in situations that strike a responsive chord. Essentially American in tone, "The County Chairman" bids fair in a few years to rank as a classic. "The County Chairman" will be presented at the Marquam Grand Theater for two nights, beginning Thursday, February 8, and the engagement terminating with a Saturday matinee. Seats at 2 o'clock on Monday, February 6, at 2 o'clock P. M.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Pollard's Famous Lilliputians.  
 Joseph Muller, representing the Pollard Lilliputian Opera Company, is in the city. Mr. Muller is just as enthusiastic as ever over the half-hundred little Australians who are touring the Pacific coast. He says that his tour of Eastern Canada brought the children a host more friends and admirers. The people of Montreal in particular took the "Lilliputians" to their hearts and were loath to let them go. Mr. Muller says there has been some weeping of the older and smaller children, these having been taken back to Australia, and he has replaced them with the smaller ones. The engagement here will open Sunday afternoon in their favorite opera, "The Belle of New York."

Miner's "Bohemians" Next Week.

Tom Miner's "Bohemian Burlesque," billed to appear at the Baker all next week, starting Sunday matinee, is one of the really good burlesque shows. It is always in the vanguard and this season is the acknowledged leader, and the first to produce a real musical farce extravaganza, modeled and constructed along the lines of a regular Broadway production.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS

Ralph Cummings at the Grand.

Those who delight in a clever bit of acting in a vaudeville entertainment will find exactly what they like in "A Game of Hearts," as played at the Grand by Ralph Cummings and his company. This is a comedy condensed to a single act, but it is as dainty and unique as though expanded to three long acts. The histrionic talents displayed during "A Game of Hearts" are the best yet. Tinkham and company are introducing a cycle which is a new variety of the sensational, new act seen here in the past. It is reckoned more successful performance which serves to arouse the house to the highest pitch of enthusiasm. Currier, the change artist, who has played all the big circuits of the East, is a strong attraction in the program, and George Delmas, with his mid-air feats, is another. Gavotte Brothers are violin virtuosi and Master Hoff and starring moving pictures complete the entertainment.

Parisian Acrobats at the Star.

There is a vast difference between American and European vaudeville performers and this is demonstrated this week by the Martinetti, who, according to their program, the European acts have an artistic and a unique appearance which Americans generally fail to grasp. This is one reason why Martinetti acts are the most successful in the city. The Trio hold this position at the Star this week. The Carnelli sisters, two little girls, will be great favorites with the children who attend matinees tomorrow. Yontac and Nita work in the air on a pair of flying Roman rings, doing also impossible feats far from the stage. Smith and Killa have a comedy turn and Gibson presents a playlet called "A Burglar's Kill." Mr. Hartford's songs and pictures of Paris on the Stareoscope round out the programme.

BY GENERAL ACCLAMATION

In the high-class restaurants and hotels, in the home of the able provider, in fact wherever a good palate serves as a guide, the selection of Most of Chateau "White Seal" vintage of 1905 is positively manifest, and this delicious product is proclaimed the "champagne of the day." No less than 98,267 cases of Most of Chateau champagne were brought into the Port of New York during 1905, which amount is over 50 per cent greater than was imported by the house second on the list, as compiled in the Custom-House statistics. At all social gatherings, prominent functions, and banquets, the feature proper is "White Seal," vintage 1905, and the great increase of its sales is evidence of its continued popularity.

Mrs. August Kratz Is Dead.  
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ASKS FOR NEW FRANCHISE

Right of Way on Columbia Street to Third Will Be Sought by Willamette Valley Traction Company.

The petition of the Willamette Valley Traction Company for a franchise on Front street will be withdrawn at the meeting of the street committee this afternoon, and in its stead a franchise on Columbia street to Third street will be asked. The Willamette Valley Traction Company will not, however, abandon its project to operate a line down Front street, but will later ask for the right to run freight cars on that street at night only. The promoters of the company realize there is considerable opposition to the granting of a franchise on Front street on the part of the property owners, and that to overcome this will require time. They hope to secure the right from the City Council to run cars on Columbia to Third, where they will take chances on getting the right to run passenger cars over either First, Second or Third streets in connection with either the Portland Consolidated or the Oregon Water Power tracks. They will make the change in the franchise asked in order to begin construction work at this end of the line at once.

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Will Build Three-Story Brick.  
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