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AMUSEMENTS.

THE HEILIG THEATER (14th and Washington)—Tonight at 8:15 o'clock, Nat. C. Goodwin in the farce-comedy, "The Genius."

BAKER THEATER (3d and Yamhill)—The Baker Stock Company in "Rip Van Winkle"; tonight at 8:15.

GRAND THEATER (Park and Washington) —Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30, 9 P. M.

PANTAGES' THEATER (4th and Stark)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30, 9 P. M.

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PRESIDENT M. A. QUINLAN TRANSFERRED.—Rev. M. A. Quinlan, for several years president of Columbia University at University Park, has been transferred to the Notre Dame, Ind., University and assigned to the faculty of that institution. Word that his wishes were respected was received yesterday. Rev. Father Quinlan left for Notre Dame, Ind., several weeks ago, and will not return to Portland. His transfer was entirely due to his request. He came to Columbia University four years ago, under assignment from the Council of the Holy Cross, and during that time accomplished much for the school in the promotion of a spirit of pure athletics. Dr. Quinlan is a firm believer in pure and manly athletics and did all he could to inspire the students at Columbia University with that spirit. His successor will be named next month. Rev. Thomas Corbett has been assigned to Columbia University as disciplinarian in place of Father Dalton.

DR. POLING GOES EAST.—The Portland friends of Rev. C. C. Poling, who has been president of the Dallas College, of the United Evangelical Church, will regret to learn that he will leave for the East shortly with his family. He has accepted the presidency of the Western Union College at Le Mars, Ia., which is a strong institution, with several hundred students and a permanent endowment. He is succeeded by Dr. C. A. Mock, who came from the East with Dr. Poling about a year ago. Dr. Poling and family have many personal friends in Portland. He was pastor of the First English Church, East Market and Sixth streets, about 20 years ago, and afterwards founded and erected the First United Evangelical Church at East Tenth and Sherman streets.

RESERVATIONS FOR THE YELLOWSTONE.

The special train bearing The Oregonian party leaves Portland for Salt Lake at 7 o'clock Saturday morning. There are still a few reservations available, and all those who are desirous of making this delightful journey can secure tickets at the O. R. & N. city ticket office. The fare for the round trip is $80, which includes meals and all accommodations while in the Park. But it does not include meals and Pullman conveniences while en route on the special train.

PAVING OF GRAND AVENUE.—The property-owners on Grand avenue north from the fill to Sullivan's Gulch have decided that they want bitulithic waterproof pavement, and not the bituminous macadam, as proposed by the Council to give them. Some time ago a petition was sent in asking for bitulithic pavement, but the Council decided it would give them the bituminous macadam as furnished by the Barber Asphalt Paving Company, and divided up the improvement, giving the property-owners south of the embankment bitulithic. Yesterday a remonstrance was filed, signed by a majority of the property-owners between the embankment and Sullivan's Gulch, against the bituminous pavement, and demanding that the contract be let for the bitulithic pavement.

WORK ON THE PIPE LINE.—Two gangs of men are at work on the pipe line from the high service reservoir at Mount Tabor, east of Highland. These two gangs are about 1000 feet apart yet, but will shortly close up the gap. The forces will then go back and complete the sections that were left unfinished for want of sections of pipe. The main now being laid is 24 inches in diameter. There has been delay because pipe was not delivered. During the hot weather of the past few days men found it impossible to work, and at one time six men had to quit work, as they could not stand the blistering sun beating down on them, unrelieved by a breath of moving air.

DEATH OF BEN J. HEALY.—Ben J. Healy, son of P. I. Healy, formerly of Vancouver, Wash., died at the family residence, 686 Flanders street, yesterday at 4:25 P. M., after an attack of typhoid fever. Mr. Healy was formerly a traveling salesman, but for the past two years had been associated with his brother, Joseph M. Healy, in the real estate business, besides whom he left the following brothers and sisters: William A. and Frank Healy, with F. S. Harmon & Co., and Mae Josephine and Anna Healy, of this city. Interment will be in the family plot at Vancouver, Wash.

APPLICATIONS FOR YELLOWSTONE RESERVATIONS.—Applications for reservations in The Oregonian special train which will go to Yellowstone Park are coming in from all over the Northwest from friends of the successful candidates. Only a limited number will be accommodated under this special rate, and those who desire to make the trip can procure tickets from C. W. Stinger, City Ticket Agent of the O. R. & N., at office, Third and Wash. sts. *

ROUND-TRIP EXCURSION RATES EAST.—Special round-trip excursion rates have been named by the Northern Pacific to points East. Full information can be had at the ticket office, No. 255 Morrison street, corner of Third, or by letter to A. D. Charlton, assistant general agent, Portland, Or. *

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AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say.

NAT GOODWIN TONIGHT.

Celebrated Actor to Pesent New Comedy at Heilig Theater.

America's greatest comedian, Nat C. Goodwin, will begin an engagement of three performances at the Heilig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington strets, tonight at 8:15 o'clock. The opening bill this evening and at the special matinee tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon will be the farce comedy, "The Genius"; tomorrow night, "When We Were Twenty-one." "The Genius," written by William C. and Cecil de Mille, and which has scored a decided success everywhere, will be sumptuously mounted, and the accessories will be in the usual Goodwin good taste. The company supporting Mr. Goodwin is as always of the very best, and is headed by Miss Edna Goodrich, a young actress of reputed cleverness and unusual beauty. Others in the cast are Messrs. Neil O'Brien, Robert Paton Gibbs, H. G. Lonsdale, Philip Maitland, Cary Livingston, M. B. Snyder and Miss Suzanne Perry, Mrs. Louise Rial, Suzette Jackson, Evelyn Wells, Edna Adams and Eva Marsh.

PICTURESQUE PRODUCTION.

"Rip Van Winkle" Well Acted and Beautifully Staged.

The play of "Rip Van Winkle," running this week at the Baker Theater, is a touching and famous tale that never fails to please an audience. Joseph Jefferson, one of the best actors America ever produced, esteemed the character of Rip as his greatest. Edgar Baume's portrayal of the role this week in the Baker production has elicited the warmest praise from every one in town who has witnessed the performance. It is doubtless a remarkable piece of work. The theatrical season is not complete for any one without seeing this production of "Rip Van Winkle." Matinee Saturday, last time Saturday night.

"WANG" SUNDAY.

Kendall Musical Company Will Present Comic Opera at Heilig.

"Wang," the ever popular comic opera, is having the largest run of the musical comedy season at the Heilig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets. Its prime good music, the spirited way in which the Kendall Company put it on and the gorgeousness of the chorus, help to produce this effect. The theater is kept cool even the hottest evenings, and this makes the audience comfortable. Tonight the company makes way for Nat Goodwin. Sunday they give two performances of "Wang" at the Heilig, afternoon and evening, when Robert Pitkin will recite De Wolf Hopper's great success, "Casey at the Bat," by special request. Seats now selling.

RUSSO NEXT MONDAY.

Famous Italian Tenor in "Cavalleria Rusticana" at the Heilig.

The coming here of the great tenor, Dominco Russo, is a welcome event in musical circles. He will make his appearance as Turiddo in "Cavalleria Rusticana," which grand opera will be the opening bill at the Heilig Theater, Monday, July 9. There will be a double bill, with augmented orchestra, the first two acts of "La Mascotte" preceding the performance of "Cavalleria Rusticana." Bessie Tannehill will take the role of Santuzza. Such a bill should attract all people who have an appreciation of fine music and grand opera sung by a splendid company and two of the greatest artists in their class. Russo is classed along with the great Caruso of Conried's forces in the East. Seats now selling.

"UNCLE TOM'S CABIN."

Closing Bill for Baker Theater Opens on Sunday.

The production of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the Baker Theater the coming week will be the most memorable event of the present magnificent season of stock at this popular theater. The production is alone comparable to the all-star cast that put on "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the Academy of Music, in New York last year. There will be so big a demand for seats at the Baker next week, which is the closing week of this Summer season, that the management has arranged for two extra matinees—one Tuesday and one Thursday. Of course, the regular Saturday matinee will be given as usual. The grand final closing night of the season will be Saturday, July 14.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS

Grand.

In "Beggars," the dramatic sketch at the Grand, Miss Anne Hamilton does some of the most realistic emotional acting seen here in vaudeville. The sketch is intense and depicts a bit of Mexican life which terminates with a double tragedy and a sensational fall down two flights of stairs. Miss Hamilton is supported by a capable company. George Lavender is a monologist with a collection of stories and two parodies. Leeds and LaMar come from Australia with an amusing burlesque sketch. Paul Dickey is retained to do his popular and funny "The Stage." The bill is full of attractive features and the Grand is always at a comfortable temperature.

Star.

Sidelights on life in a vaudeville booking office are shown in exaggerated form at the Star this week in an amusing farce called "A New Agent." The farce introduces various sorts of people who frequent the office of the agents and what they say and what they do keep the audience in good humor. The scene between Mantie Collins, Dick Mack and J. W. Clifford is a continuous scream. It is high finance along new lines. In the olio the principal vaudeville offering is made by Miss Margaret Severance, who impersonates Blanche Bates, Maude Adams and other actresses, and tells some exceptionally bright stories. This bill will hold the boards until next Sunday night.

Come to the Lyric and Be Cool.

When people are sweltering in the sun on the streets it is a welcome change to go into the Lyric Theater, where four fans perfectly cool the atmosphere. The play this week is particularly interesting—a strong melodrama of the humanly touching kind that brings tears to your eyes, while the inevitable comedy flashes from the clever actors make you laugh at the next instant. It is becoming well known in town that the players of this Lyric company can hold their own with the best stock actors in the land. The moving pictures show new and attractive films each week.

Attractions at Pantages.

Pantages has a double attraction this week—a fine programme and a cool theater. The Columbia Male Quartet made its first appearance here this week and instantly won the hearts of all. Other good numbers on the programme are Roscoe, famous mind-reader and hypnotist; the Bowery apple woman, who has a laughable act; William Weaver in an entertaining series of character impersonations; Musical Brown; Mills and Emery, comedians; Jean Wilson and moving-picture comedies. Don't fail to see this show before the week is out.

PRESBYTERY TO ACT

That Body Will Pass on Dr. Hill's Resignation.

ACTION OF CONGREGATION

Request of Pastor to Be Released by Church Is Referred to the General Governing Board in Portland

The members of the First Presbyterian Church held a congregational meeting in the Sunday school room of the church last night to consider the request of the pastor, Rev. Edgar P. Hill, to be released from the pastorate in order to assume the chair of homiletics in the McCormick Theological Seminary of Chicago.

The meeting was well attended, and several spoke at length on Dr. Hill's desire to be released from the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church. A resolution was introduced not to sever the pastoral relations, but before being voted on an amendment was added that Dr. Hill's request be referred to the Presbytery of Portland, and if that body should decide to release Dr. Hill the congregation would accept its decision. The motion was carried by the meeting and a committee was elected to call on Dr. Hill and inform him of the congregation's resolution.

Text of Resolution.

The resolution to be handed Dr. Hill follows:

"The congregation earnestly desires not to dissolve the present pastorate, but in view of Dr. Hill's request refers the matter to the Presbytery of Portland, and if the latter should overwhelmingly decide to dissolve the pastoral relations the congregation will acquiesce with it in its decision."

The committee elected by the meeting will call on Dr. Hill today, and the matter will probably be acted upon at the next meeting of the presbytery, which will take place Tuesday evening.

Plan to Establish College.

The establishment of a Christian college, to be conducted under the direct supervision of the First Presbyterian Church, is a matter that is at present receiving the serious consideration of the leading members of that church. Dr. Hill has felt that he would be able to establish such an educational institution more easily than a newcomer, having the advantage of long residence and intimate acquaintance here, and it has been a cherished idea with him ever since the People's Institute was opened to add such a college to the work of the church. At the executive session of the board of trustees held at Dr. Hill's residence last week, this matter was thoroughly discussed and was favorably considered by the majority of those present.

One Member Pledges $10,000.

One of the members of the First Presbyterian Church has already pledged the amount of $10,000 to such a purpose, and it is the opinion of those interested in the proposition that there would be no difficulty in raising the necessary funds for the establishment of the college. A higher course than is afforded at the Portland Academy is contemplated, but whether a theological course would be included has not been decided.

It was the intention of the board to introduce the question of this proposed Presbyterian College at last night's congregational meeting, with a view of determining whether Dr. Hill should be retained to inaugurate the work, but the tact of the congregation in submitting the pastor's resignation to the action of the presbytery would indicate that in the event the college is established it will be done through other persons than the present pastor.

ALL GOOD NOT ORTHODOX

Critic of Dr. Hill Points Flaws in His System of Theology.

NEW ERA, July 3.—(To the Editor.)—I notice that the Rev. E. P. Hill does not like The Oregonian, and yesterday told you so. But I like the paper very much. Like many other men of "the cloth," Dr. Hill claims credit is due to the orthodox church for all the good things we have. I do not think so. Let us see.

The church said God created the world in six literal days, out of nothing, and that there were three days on the earth before the sun was created. Science drove the church from that position. The church said God did not see the necessity of creating woman till he noticed that Adam was lonesome. Then he took a rib from the man's side and made a woman therefrom. Science disproved that. The church said after God finished making this world he congratulated himself he had done a good job. Satan turned in and so upset God's plans that God repented that he had made man at all. To thwart Satan God then drowned all the people but eight. This also was a failure, so instead of killing Satan, who caused all the mischief, he evolved a great "plan of salvation." He came to earth himself and was put to death.

The church taught that all who believed this should enjoy eternal bliss while those who never heard of it, or, hearing of it, did not understand the plan, should be tortured forever. A mere belief of the story was all that was required. Murderers, horse thieves and every brand of reprobates could, under the plan, load their sins on Jesus and go to glory with one bound. Voltaire, Darwin, Huxley, Spencer, Paine, Theodore Parker, Ingersoll and other clear thinkers, so riddled this illogical, immoral theology that only a few old-school preachers are now found to defend it, and they are usually found in the remote rural districts.

The church has taught that the earth was flat; that once Joshua caused the day to be lengthened one hour while he butchered an opposing army; that God authorized Moses to sell decayed meat to strangers, that men could have hundreds of wives, concubines and slaves; that the Infinite God of the universe could be persuaded to break a solemn covenant by smelling the sweet savor of a roasted bullock, and that God is jealous, wrathful, vindictive and changeable. All down the ages the church has opposed science, learning and liberty. It denounced Gutenberg and Faust for inventing printing, persecuted Galileo, burned at the stake Bruno and Servetus, massacred the Jews, championed slavery, and anathematized the pioneers of every science that has blessed the world. There have been individual churchmen who have stood for advancement, but the church as an organized body has always brought up the rear of advancing humanity. Many, very many, of these more liberal church communicants were subjected to all sorts of persecutions and prosecutions for heresy.

Who established negro slavery in America? Sound orthodox believers. Who agitated for its abolishment? Garrison, Sumner, Phillips, Gerrit, Smith, Greeley, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Giddings, Wade, Lincoln and others—not one named being religiously orthodox. Who is leading the world in thought today? Not one of the great writers in orthodoxy, or if so, he is but nominally so.

Dr. Hill asks if the orthodox churches are not building colleges, organizing Y. M. C. A. and other good movements? Yes; they are doing some good work along that line, but it is pretty well understood that their leading motive for entering upon this work was to create recruiting agencies for the church. They found that the old doctrines of total depravity, an all-powerful ubiquitous devil, an endless hell, infant damnation and the blood atonement through which bad men could escape just punishment, did not appeal to thoughtful people.

Something had to be done, and schools, young people's associations and other movements to attract the young were instituted. They were intended as recruiting stations for the church. Every possible effort is made now to make them such. In many places a young man if he be a Hebrew, or Unitarian, or Universalist or liberalist, no matter how moral he may be, can not attend those institutions without being made to feel that he should join the church if he maintains proper social standing. Clearly the object is to add to the church membership and incidentally to strengthen the church financially, rather than to exert a moral influence on the students or members. Woe be to that college professor who dares to express a thought not in strict harmony with the church creed. It is a source of satisfaction to every lover of humanity that the schools and young people's associations are in a measure broadening beyond sectarian lines.

The clergy are the least progressive of all our so-called learned professions. They are taught to believe that all wisdom is to be found among the sayings of men who lived in the distant past. They must look with suspicion upon any new idea. They must believe steadfastly in a personal devil who is quite, if not altogether, equal to God—a subtle being who had at least once outgeneraled God, and they are to be on their constand guard against any tricks Satan may resort to hereafter. It is their duty to stick closely to an inerrant Bible; total depravity of man; that man's morality is filth and rags in the sight of God; that "man is a poor, miserable worm of the dust" who ought to be eternally damned on Adam's account; that the only escape from an endless hell is to shift his meanness on to the back of Jesus. If he will do that, he shall not only escape paying any penalty for his crimes, but slip into eternal bliss where he can look over the heavenly fence and see Jews, Unitarians, Universalists, Christian Scientists, Spiritualists and the editor of The Oregonian in a place where it is uncomfortably hot.

I pity the preachers of the orthodox churches, they are bound by iron creeds, framed by honest, well-meaning men of a past and ignorant age. They must thresh the old straw over and over again. They must look with fear and trembling on every new thought and every new discovery of science. The thinking people are seeking light elsewhere. Church pews are largely empty, or, if filled, the hearers in the main neither understand or try to understand the sermon. They go for the music, recreation and sociability.

Old orthodoxy is dooomed. It must go. It is going. We are to have newer and better definitions of God, of evil, of man, of religion. The great evolutionary forces are pushing the church forward as well as it is everything else on this planet. The whole scheme of "blood atonement," which is essentially paganistic, illogical and immoral, must and will give place to the truer and better thought of "doing right because it is right." As ye sow, so shall ye reap.

I have no censure for the beliefs of those who lived centuries ago. They thought and wrote and preached the best they knew. I do not feel unkindly to my orthodox brethren of this age. I regret, however, that they hold to all the old conceptions of God and religion. I want to see them become unfettered from the old, musty superstitions and turn eyes from the past to the future. I want them to know that millions of the "unchurched" are just as kind and honest, and good and loving as the "churched," and are in every way just as good citizens. If they will open their eyes and catch the glorious, progressive spirit of this glorious age and will join hands with scientists and scholars outside of the church and drop a large part of their old, worn-out theology, and in their sermons keep abreast of the times, the people will again fill up the empty pews.

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