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AMUSEMENTS.

THE HEILIG THEATER (14th and Washington sts.)—Tonight at 8:15 o'clock, the Stewart Opera Company in Victor Herbert's comic-opera, "Babette."

BAKER THEATER (Third, bet. Yamhill and Taylor)—Baker Theater Company in "The Two Vagrants"; tonight at 8:15.

EMPIRE THEATER (11th and Morrison)—Melodrama, "On the Bridge at Midnight"; tonight at 8:15.

GRAND THEATER (Washington, bet. Park and 7th)—Vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M.

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

STAR THEATER (Park and Washington)—Allen Stock Company, 2:30 and 8:15 P. M.

LYRIC THEATER (Seventh and Alder)—The Lyric Stock Company, 2:30, 7:30, 9 P. M.

THE OAKS—OPEN FROM 8 A. M. TO 11 P. M.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 A. M. to 11 P. M.

BASEBALL TODAY, 2:30 P. M., Athletic Park, 24th and Vaughn, Portland vs. Fresno.

FUNERAL OF A SOLDIER.—The funeral of Isaiah Brown, a veteran of the Civil War, was held yesterday morning, interment being made in Lone Fir Cemetery. Services were under the auspices of Sumner Post No. 12, G. A. R., and were conducted by State Chaplain Henry E. Barden. Mr. Brown had been a member of Sumner Post for 10 years. He joined the Thirty-sixth Infantry in 1861 and was discharged in September, 1865. He also was a member of the Fifth Veterans' Corps, and served all through the war. He was a modest, unassuming man, and was 67 years of age. He is survived by the following children: J. S. Brown, of Chehalis, Wash.; O. W. Brown, Mrs. W. C. Reaves and Mrs. C. D. Beales, of Portland.

ENGINE-HOUSE COMPLETED.—Brooklyn engine-house, facing Powell street, has been completed, and the fire company will be installed the first of the year. The building is considered a model, and contains all modern improvements. It was designed by District Engineer Lee Holden, who drew up the plans and looked after its construction. Many new and important features have been introduced in this building not found in the others. It cost $3500. Mr. Holden also prepared plans for the East Twenty-eighth street engine-house now under construction, which will be practically a duplication of the Brooklyn building. He will prepare plans for the district headquarters in Irvington.

BRIDGE TO CLUBHOUSE.—A bridge is being built at Milwaukie across Johnson Creek between the county road and the Milwaukee Clubhouse, so that it may be reached by automobiles and other vehicles. At present the building can only be reached by street-cars. The bridge is being built north of the railroad bridge, and will be a long structure. Isaac Gratton, manager of the clubhouse, undertook to purchase the railway bridge when it was supposed that the company would build another, but the company's affairs were too unsettled to get anything definite on the proposition, and hence he decided to put up his own structure. It will cost about $2000.

PARK SUPERINTENDENT ARRIVES.—Arthur D. Monteith arrived in Portland yesterday from Lewiston, and immediately took up his duties as Superintendent of Parks, to which position he was elected a few days ago by the commission. Mr. Monteith had been at Lewiston for but a few months, having come from Massachusetts, where he occupied a responsible position with the Metropolitan Park Commission. He is said to be eminently qualified for the work here, having been prepared both by long experience and a thorough technical education.

VETERAN PROSPECTOR HERE.—W. H. Emes, a veteran prospector of the Pacific Northwest, is in the city, registered at the Grand Central. For the past 29 years Mr. Emes has devoted himself to searching for gold, and his travels have taken him all over the coast. He located the famous Kindall property in Montana, and is the owner of a promising mine in Eastern Oregon. Mr. Emes is now planning a trip to Alaska, and will attempt to interest Portland mining men in the Far North.

LAST BARGE LAUNCHED.—The last of the 35 barges built at the Supple boatyard for the Northern Pacific Railway Company, to be used in constructing bridges across the Columbia and Willamette rivers, was launched yesterday. Mr. Supple has used over 2,000,000 feet of lumber in building this fleet. Enough scraps and pieces have been left to build another barge, and he will work up all that is left in that way. The contract for these barges was let last Fall.

SPENDS VACATION IN PORTLAND.—E. L. Thorp, a veteran newspaper man, formerly of Portland but now carrier of a rural mail route out from Gresham, is spending the vacation of 15 days the Government this year gives to all rural carriers partly in Portland. Mr. Thorp will spend the next 10 days on the East Side. This is the first year that rural carriers have been given vacations, and it is costing the Government $1,000,000.

JUSTICE COURT REPAIRS.—Repairs at the East Side Justice Court building, at the east end of Burnside Bridge, have been completed, and Justice Olson is again ready to do business. Owing to the work that has been going on about the building, only imperative business was transacted. Provisions have been made so that it will not be so easy to start a fire among his records again.

CONSUMERS' LEAGUE MEETING.—The Consumers' League will meet at the residence of Judge George H. Williams, 41 North Eighteenth street, this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Miss Helen P. Barnes, one of the National secretaries of the Y. W. C. A., will address the meeting, which will be an open one. All interested in the work of the league are cordially invited to attend.

BARBECUE AND CAKE WALK.—Emancipation Day celebration and old-fashioned barbecue, Lewis and Clark Exposition grounds, Saturday, September 22. Brown's full military band. Barbecue beginning at 1 o'clock P. M.; exercises in Auditorium building at 3 P. M.; cake walk and minstrel show at 8 P. M. Admission 50c. *

EPWORTH LEAGUE RECITAL.—Next Friday evening at Foresters' Hall the Epworth League of the M. E. Church South will give a recital, at which some of the best talent of the city will take part. After the programme refreshments will be served. This recital is given in the interest of the organ fund.

EXTENDING ITS SIDETRACK.—The sidetrack from the O. W. P. line on Hawthorne avenue is being extended northward on East Eighth street to the factory and cannery. The object is to make a manufacturing district along East Eighth street.

WAREHOUSE FOR RENT.—October 1 the large warehouse, 200 by 50, on Southern Pacific track, corner East Oak and Water streets, now occupied by Hammond Packing Co. Apply Page & Son, 120 Front st.*

BECOMES A CITIZEN.—Fred Nicklas, a native of Germany, was admitted to citizenship in the United States District Court yesterday on the testimony of Charles Kirchner and Jacob Schwind.

ROCKPILE IS WAITING.—In all probability the County prisoners will be set to work on the rockpile at Kelly Butte next Monday morning, as arrangements to that end have about been completed.

TICKETS for Dr. Hill's last lecture on "Illustrated Bible Lands" at Ewing's Book Store, 255 Stark street, Friday. No charge.

WANTED.—Two experienced drivers. Mace's market. *

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MILWAUKIE PROPERTY MOVING.—Inquiry for property at Milwaukie has been brisk the past week, and the old town has been visited by many would-be investors. This movement is attributed to the probability that the Southern Pacific Railway will build a suspension bridge across the Willamette at Oswego and run a main line through the place. It is stated that options have been secured on nearly 100 acres of land near the water-front. On what is called Milwaukie Heights practically all the lots have been sold. It is supposed parties representing the Southern Pacific Railway Company have secured options.

ROBBED A LOCKSMITH.—Charged with breaking into the shop of L. Goldberg and stealing numerous keys and locksmith's tools, Frank Gordon, alias Smith, alias Bodwell, was held to the grand jury yesterday morning by Municipal Judge Cameron under bonds of $1000. Gordon was arrested by John A. Mears, of the Detective Bureau, and is considered a dangerous crook.

FELICO BOUND OVER.—For assault with a dangerous weapon, Cardio Felico, an Italian, was held to the grand jury yesterday morning by Municipal Judge Cameron. The shooting occurred as the result of trouble in a notorious saloon in the Latin quarter, Fourth and Sheridan streets.

JUDGE GILBERT'S TRIP.—United States Circuit Judge Gilbert will leave for San Francisco this evening, for the purpose of attending the sessions of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, which convenes there about October 1.

DON'T FORGET.—Everybody admitted to "The Oaks" tomorrow, Saturday, for five cents.

DABBLED WITH ABSINTHE

Young Girl's Testimony Convicts "Mysterious Billy" Smith.

"Beer foams, sarsaparilla and iron tastes something like soda water and a suisesse is pretty strong," was the answer given by Miss Christine Baxter, of 563 North Lake street, when asked in the Municipal Court yesterday morning by "Mysterious Billy" Smith to state how she could tell that she was served with certain drinks by his bartender in the Atlantic Cafe recently.

Smith was charged with selling liquor to minors. Miss Baxter and her companion, Miss Annie L. Blackburn being under age. Miss Blackburn is ill in a local hospital, and did not testify. Smith was found guilty and Judge Cameron fined him $25. Smith was not in the city when the girls were given the liquor, but as proprietor of the cafe, he is held liable by the law for the acts of his employes.

"Do you know what absinthe tastes like?" asked Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald of Miss Baxter, after she had answered Smith's question.

"It tastes pretty strong," she replied.

"Yes, pretty strong, and there's absinthe in a suisesse, is there not?" said Mr. Fitzgerald.

Miss Baxter confessed ignorance as to the ingredients of the seductive suisesse, but explained that her companion first drank one and recommended it to her as "tasting fine."

"Mysterious Billy" had no evidence to offer, but said he was out of town and therefore had nothing to do with the matter."

"The law holds you responsible," said Judge Cameron.

"It may be law, but it's not justice," replied Smith.

IS BEFRIENDED BY POLICE

Homeless Boy From Salt Lake Given Food and Lodging.

Hungry and cold, without money or friends, Ralph Herman Wagner, 16 years old, from Salt Lake City, Utah, was found shivering in the chill air at 2 o'clock yesterday morning at Sixth and Irving streets. Policeman Johnson found him.

"What are you doing here at this hour of the morning, son?" queried the policeman, as he came up to where the boy was standing.

Unable to control his emotions, the boy burst into tears, and it was some time before he was able to tell his story. He lived in Salt Lake City, where now his aged mother is seriously ill, he said, and left home, thinking to make his own way in the world and relieve the burden of expense she had previously borne for him.

Arriving in Portland, he left the freight train on which he had ridden and wandered around the city, having no means to secure lodging or food and no friends on whom to call for aid.

This was the boy's situation when found by Policeman Johnson. The officer escorted him to police headquarters, where a small collection was taken up for the boy's benefit. He was given a warm meal and then made comfortable at the station until later in the day when plans were set on foot to secure him transportation to his home and mother.

The boy declares that he has had sufficient of the hobo life and that if he succeeds in getting home, he will never leave it again.

RIVALS SHERLOCK HOLMES

Patrol Driver Price Corners and Arrests Two Suspicious Characters.

While John H. Price is at present holding the humble position of patrol driver in the local police department, he has on several occasions displayed detective ability that has won for him considerable distinction and praise. Wednesday night he arrested Ralph Thompson and Ralph Ellis, while they were rummaging about in various lodging houses in the city, and they are now occupying cells in the city jail, pending an investigation.

"What do you do for a living?" asked Price of Ellis.

"I worked all last week at 'blackface' comedy in a vaudeville theater," replied Ellis.

"You never did any such thing. That theater had no 'blackface' comedy last week," promptly replied Price, after Ellis named the theater.

Ellis then said he had made a mistake in the name of the house, and gave another, but investigation showed that he had not worked there, and Ellis and his pal will have to clear themselves of the suspicion against them. While they claim to be vaudeville artists, the police say they should be listed as "bad actors."

LARGE OYSTER CONCERN

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Mr. A. Routledge, the best known and most successful oyster man on this coast, is locating at 27 Grand avenue (Burkhart building), where he will deliver to the trade and to families at all points on east side of the river native and eastern oysters. The beds he is interested in are producing an oyster of superior quality and flavor, and every effort will be made at prompt delivery to the consumer immediately after being gathered. Mr. Routledge takes great interest in the reputation of the product of his own beds. Lovers of the bivalves can almost detect his goods anywhere with their eyes shut. Telephones are being put in, and it is expected the place will be ready for business early next week.

Will Manufacture Furniture.

The Oriental Manufacturing Company yesterday filed articles of incorporation with the County Clerk. A. S. Thompson, C. R. Donnell, J. L. Barnaman, J. H. Somers and W. A. Somers are the incorporators. It has for its object the manufacture of furniture. Capital stock, $40,000. All the incorporators are residents of Portland.

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Now that the O. R. & N. has withdrawn its application for a franchise on East Third street, the Initiative One Hundred will endeavor to have the city build a belt line to the street to be used by any and all railroads. The Initiative One Hundred will meet tonight at the United Artisans' Hall in the Abington building, when the question of a belt line will come up for discussion.

The property owners along East Third street are clamoring for a railroad which would provide the big wholesale houses and factories with trackage facilities. As no railroad company seems to be willing to accept the franchise if it carries along with it a common users' clause, there are members of the Initiative One Hundred who contend that the city should put in the tracks.

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