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THE HELIO THEATER (14th and Washington streets)—Tonight at 8:15 o'clock, the musical extravaganza, "The Devil's Auction."

BAKER THEATER (Third and Yamhill and Taylor)—Tonight at 8:15, "At Piney Ridge."

EMPIRE THEATER (11th and Morrison)—"A Royal Slave" tonight at 8:15.

GRAND THEATER (10th and Park and 11th)—Vaudeville, 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30.

PANTAGES THEATER (4th and Stark)—Continued vaudeville, 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30.

STAR THEATER (Park and Washington)—Alvin Stock Company in "Brother Asstun" tonight at 8:15.

LYRIC THEATER (Seventh and Alder)—The Lyric Stock Company in "The Octopus" 7:15 and 9:30 P. M.

DREDGE MAT COME BACK—It is expected that the Port of Portland dredge which filled the lowlands between East Washington and Morrison streets and partly filled between Morrison and Belmont streets, will return and complete the job when high water comes. W. L. Boies, who negotiated for the dredge, hopes to get it back to complete the all between Morrison and Belmont streets at an early date. At present the dredge is employed in deepening the channel of the river. There are two blocks between East Morrison and Belmont streets yet to be filled; also some filling north of East Morrison street. Property owners on East Alder street hope to get that street filled with the dredge also. What will be done with the lowlands south of Morrison street to Hawthorne avenue yet remains a problem. This is a matter that will come before the East Side Improvement Association at an early meeting. It is recognized that the dredge can fill up the low lands from the Willamette River at a very low figure compared with the usual way of using dump cars, for the cost of 30 cents per cubic yard is charged on the long haul.

RETURNS TO INDIA—Bishop J. M. Thornburn, until recently a resident of Portland, leaves New York on the band of 40 recruits, young men and young women tomorrow, for India. The Bishop goes to attend the half-century jubilee in honor of the first establishment of Methodist missions. Bishop Thornburn went to India very nearly at the beginning of Methodist missions, 47 years ago, and was practically the first to establish a Methodist missionary station and educational institutions. He does not return to engage again actively in the missionary work, but rather will work in the field who has an important part in making the jubilee possible, and will return to the United States in the course of a few months, making his home in Portland. He is 70 years old, and while by no means feeble will do no more missionary work. On his return he will spend his time in writing, and in working for the work. He goes with a party of missionaries who were recruited largely through his lectures in the United States.

AS HOUR WITH WHITTIER—In connection with the regular business of the day, Saturday, Evening Star Grange, Patron of Husbandry spent an hour with the poet, Whittier, Miss Peterson, a graduate of the Portland High school, gave a well-prepared sketch and analysis of the character of Whittier, of his writings, and of his influence. It was a paper of merit, and was heard with interest. D. Lee of Portland, gave a reading from a selection from Whittier that called out applause. Instrumental and vocal selections by Mrs. C. H. Welch rounded out an interesting and instructive programme. There was also a short programme appropriate to Ceres, the goddess of agriculture, in charge of Mrs. E. A. Nalin.

PICK UP TWO LUNATICS—Two lunatics were picked up by the police last night. The first was an Italian, Pietro Padri who was found by Officers Bauer and Austin at the corner of 10th and Morrison. The man was acting in a suspicious manner and when approached by the police attempted to get away. After putting up a stiff fight for a time he was subdued and handcuffed. The second was P. Smith, colored, who arrived in Portland from one of the nearby towns on a late train. He was yelling and running frantically about the union depot when he was taken in charge by Officer Thompson. The negro, who gave his age as 38, imagines that some one is trying to kill him.

DEATH FROM HEART DISEASE—Henry Minkey, who lives near George, Clackamas County, died suddenly from heart disease the first of the week, and was buried Wednesday. He was about the barn when he was taken ill, and on returning to the house died within 20 minutes. Dr. C. B. Smith pronounced a case of heart disease, with which he had been troubled for several years. He was 66 years old, and highly respected in the community. He leaves a wife and three children.

LECTURE ON NORTHWEST WOODS—Edmund P. Sheldon, secretary of the Oregon & Washington Lumber Manufacturers' Association, has prepared a lecture on Northwest woods, which will be given at the Portland Architectural Club tonight at 8 o'clock in the club's rooms in the Alameda building. The lecture will be illustrated with a number of lantern slides and sample woods. All interested are invited to attend.

ORGANIZE JUVENILE GRANGE—At the meeting of Garfield Grange Saturday it was voted to organize a Juvenile Grange, which will meet between 11 and 2 o'clock, also at this meeting W. H. Holder, W. W. Davis and J. E. Honebner were appointed to raise funds to improve the hall and lot, and \$14 was subscribed at the meeting. It is proposed to build a boys shed to accommodate the horses of those who come from a distance.

ESTACADA LETS STREET CONTRACT—At the last meeting of the Estacada Council a contract for the improvement of Broadway, the main street, was let for \$70,000 to Al Lindsey for \$475. This is the first street improvement to be made in that place. At this meeting of the Council an exchange was made of the lot belonging to the city for another lot on Broadway, which is better located for a City Hall and engine house.

WILL ATTEND NATIONAL GRANGE—State Master A. T. Buxton and Mrs. Buxton will leave this week to attend the session of the National Grange, which will convene at Denver, Col., about November 15. They are the representatives of the Oregon Grange, and go with special instructions to present the Oregon farmer's ideas of postal reform, as outlined in the resolutions which were adopted by the Oregon State Grange.

WOMAN'S UNION ENTERTAIN—The quarterly meeting of the Portland Woman's Union will be held this afternoon. An informal reception from 3 to 4 o'clock will follow the meeting, which will be called at promptly 2:30 o'clock. Reports of officers and committees will be read. Refreshments will be served and a social time enjoyed. The meeting will be at the Union's home 518 Flinders street.

FOR SALE—Nice five acres at Golf Links lays well. If planted will yield good profit on price; also some slightly lots on Portland Heights. Fine lot and half lot on Park street, business center. Donald Macleod, 46 Concord Block, Second & Stark.

THE PORTLAND ART CLASS will be favored with a lecture by Mr. L. Douglas Crane, Wednesday morning, November 7 at 10 o'clock at the Art Museum. Lecture members are urged to attend.

FOR SALE—Only dental office and good practice in prosperous Eastern Washington town. Good reasons for selling. E. B. Oregonian.

DR. E. C. BROWN, Eye, Ear, Throat, etc. Have you read "McDonald of Oregon"?

BOND BUYERS HERE—Eleven representatives of N. W. Harris & Company, bond buyers and bankers, arrived in Portland last night and today will inspect the property of the Portland General Electric Company, the bonds of which were held last night that they came West primarily to invest in business ventures at Spokane and incidentally to visit other cities of the Pacific Northwest. The members of the party are from Chicago, New York and Boston. They are: A. W. Penton, B. C. Lingie, Frank McNair, M. L. Emerich, George K. Reilly, C. E. Gardner, E. H. Scoville, J. R. Macomber, E. B. Chambers, C. W. McNay and A. M. Chamberlain.

VICTIM IS FOUND—Annie Jackson, the colored woman who was arrested last Tuesday night, held as a suspicious character and then released, was again taken into custody by Detective Kay last night and held on a charge of larceny from person. When she was arrested before the officers suspected that she was guilty of some robbery but could find no evidence. It was thought that she had robbed somebody and yesterday a man who gave his name as Axel Peterson notified the police that he had been robbed by a colored woman. When Kay tried to arrest the woman she fought viciously, but was overcome and taken to jail.

CUR WITH A RAZOR—A Pauline and Mrs. Jessie Smith came to Police headquarters last night and asked that Joe Lawrence be arrested. Devlin, who claimed to be a longshoreman, exhibited a razor and when asked where it was, which he claimed had been made with a razor in the hands of Lawrence on the stairs of the O. C. coffee house. Mrs. Smith also asserted that Lawrence had threatened several times to kill her. When asked if they would make a complaint and appear against the culprit, both agreed and officers were sent out to apprehend Lawrence.

AGED 24, HAS DISAPPEARED—G. W. Tramel, aged 24, has disappeared and his friends are unable to find any trace of him. The last time the young man was seen was Saturday night about midnight, when he went into the O. C. coffee house on Burnside street for lunch. Since that time he has disappeared. His roommate, R. W. Tapp, appeared at police headquarters last night about midnight and asked that search be instituted. So far as is known, Tramel had but little money on him, he arrived in Portland Monday and is a man who drinks but little if any. His habits are good.

BOY FOUND DRUNK—Paul Hantaman, an 18-year-old youth, was picked up in a drunken condition by Officer Courtney yesterday afternoon and taken to the city jail. Hantaman was in the Baker Theater and was so badly under the influence of liquor that he could not sit in his seat. At the station he gave his name as Paul Hantaman, 18 years old, of East Bros. dry goods store, but would not tell where he got the liquor.

CARD PLAYER ARRESTED—Seven men were arrested by Officers Kielen and Mallett at 400 East Morrison street last night for gambling. The men were playing cards for beer checks and no money was in sight. They were released on \$10 bail each to appear in court this morning. Those arrested were: Paul Zimmerman, John Brown, William Behune, Edward Reeves, S. H. Tate, Charles Gibson and Charles Tarey.

PLANS NEW INSTITUTION

STATE SECURES DATA ON HOME FOR FEEBLE-MINDED. Superintendent Jones, of the Blind School, Reports on Subject—Future Needs Provided For.

RALEM, Or., Nov. 4.—(Special)—For the first time in the history of Oregon, this state has gone about the establishment of a public institution in a businesslike way. In planning for the establishment of a home for the feeble-minded, the Equalization Board, composed of J. D. Lee, D. H. Richardson and Richard Thornton, has decided that this can be done, and in accordance with this finding has upheld Assessor Sigler's levy of \$200,000 on the franchise of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company. The assessment of \$200,000 made by Mr. Sigler on the franchise of the Home Telephone Company was reduced to \$100,000 on account of the corporation's plant not yet being in operation. Charles H. Carey and A. King Wilson, representing the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company and Home Telephone Company, respectively, had attacked the validity of the assessments on the franchises of the two corporations, claiming that the tax levied by the county, as well as the 2 per cent gross income tax imposed by the law passed by the last Legislature, was in the nature of double taxation, and consequently unconstitutional. The Board of Equalization held that the legislative enactment in question did not become operative until last July, and consequently did not apply to assessments made on property in March. The two telephone companies will probably appeal from this ruling.

INSPECTOR RAZED ORCHARD

Milwaukie Owner Sues for Value of Pest-Infected Trees. OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 4.—(Special)—Circuit Judge T. A. McBride will tomorrow morning convene the regular November term of the Clackamas County Circuit Court. Of the 100 cases on the docket, more than 70 are divorce suits, and these are in addition to 21 divorce decrees returned recently on a single day by Judge McBride. There are few unimportant criminal cases pending.

What is considered the most important litigation pending is the suit of T. R. A. Sellwood, an orchardist of Milwaukie, against H. Reid, ex-Fruit Inspector for this county. Sellwood is suing the horticultural representative for damages estimated at \$2050 for the destruction of an apple orchard. The suit is considered of especial importance since it involves the validity not only of the horticultural laws but the rights of fruit inspectors in relation to the treatment of diseased orchards as prescribed thereunder. Sellwood's orchard was infected with codlin moth and San Jose scale, and owner persistently disregarded the repeated requests of Fruit Inspector Reid to spray the trees. Finally Reid destroyed the orchard, under the authority vested in him by the law. Sellwood now seeks to recover damages to the extent of the value of the trees destroyed. It is contended by the plaintiff that his trees, even though afflicted as was represented to him by the horticultural officer, had a value, and could not be appropriated by the state under any pretense except the owner was adequately compensated.

SALE OPENS THIS MORNING

Seats for the Concert Wednesday by Miss Yaw on Sale at 10 Today.

The announcement that Ellen Beach Yaw is to sing here has stirred musical Portland to its very center, for every one who has an atom of pride in the achievements of this American songstress is anxious to hear the great improvement and realize the artistic growth of the girl with the magnificent range to her voice. The sale of seats for the concert here will open this morning at the Heilig box office, and the concert will be on Wednesday evening, under the direction of Lois Steers-Wynn Conant.

WHERE TO DINE.

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AT THE THEATERS

By Arthur A. Greene

"At Piney Ridge" at the Baker. Israel.....Thomas Harper. Suzannah.....Lucille Webster. Mark Branson.....Donald Bowles. George Boston.....W. L. Gleason. Dugan.....Alma Collins Gleason. Azalea Deering.....Ethel Gray Terry. Jack Rose.....Richard Thornton. Glad Lane.....Frances Slosson. Major Jartree.....William Dills. Claude.....Eva Van Cleave. Zeb Lane.....William Harris. Rube Holler.....James Gleason. Site Bates.....Leo Lindhard. Sam Long.....Thomas Bradford. Joe Wilson.....George Bradford. Mrs. Lane.....Volburg Ahlgren. Mamma Summers.....Eva Van Cleave. Abe Moonlight.....Howard Russell.

"The Devil's Auction" at the Heilig. Tobey.....George M. Topack. Carlos.....M. Ella Aubry. Pere Andoche.....W. H. Lorella. Count Fortunio.....Helen A. Gilmore. Going Gons.....Ben Leardo. Madeline.....William Newman. Madeline.....Edna West. Janet.....Flora Browning. Mephisto.....Henry P. Thomas. Kow Wow Chang.....W. H. Lorella. Tedding.....Henri Horvath. And many others.

DONALD BOWLES, in the role of villain, is a new departure and a most successful one, for, as the unspeakable milqueto impostor in "At Piney Ridge," he carries off first honors. His transition from the overbearing bully, who thinks his crimes are hidden beyond discovery, to the cringing coward who collapses and whines when confronted with justice, is an artistic piece of acting, the best Mr. Bowles has done since his "Imp" in "Twenty-One," last Summer. It stamps him as an unusually versatile actor.

SO long as "The Devil's Auction" continues to draw capacity houses, as it did at the Heilig last night, one can't blame Charles H. Yale, the fast-cast theatrical manager in the world, for sending his show astray. The same old knock-about extravaganza, the same old girl, same old jokes, same old music, same old near-sight, haven't changed much since the touched up somewhat and there may be one or two new faces in the bevy of bewitching beauties, but in the main, they haven't changed much since the Garfield & Arthur campaign.

A second credit properly goes to Ethel Gray Terry, who has assumed a leading part, and entrusted with greater responsibility than ever before. Azalea Deering has a large part to play in developing the plot, and her general respects it is a passive type of character.

There is a certain class of playgoers who never miss seeing "The Devil's Auction" and another class who do not miss it either. Of the former there seem to be enough to assure it a good patronage this year.

"A Royal Slave" at the Empire. The first presentation in this city of "A Royal Slave" at the Empire yesterday afternoon had the effect of filling the house to overflowing, and the large audience was well entertained as evidenced by the generous reception accorded the play.

The plot is laid in Mexico and deals with incidents affecting the reign of Emperor Maximilian. While the principal strength of the piece seems to be centered about the character of the young Spanish nobleman, Isidore de Ora, who is designated as the "man of the Montezumas," it is liberal enough in its general features to allow all the different characters a chance for some good acting, and this opportunity is taken advantage of in its broadest sense.

Not many actresses of Miss Terry's youth and limited experience could interpret roles so well. If she could be persuaded to instill a trifle more vivacity into her work and to study the finer aspects of facial expression, she would be rated as a successful stock actress. She is a bit lifeless in the strong situations, but she does not, however, that this is due to diffidence and lack of confidence, which will be overcome with experience. One thing more: Miss Terry should develop herself to a leading part, and entrusted with greater responsibility than ever before. Azalea Deering has a large part to play in developing the plot, and her general respects it is a passive type of character.

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FRANCHISES TO BE TAXED

Equalization Board Rules Against Local Telephone Companies.

The County Board of Equalization, to which was referred the question of assessing the franchises of the two local telephone companies, has decided that this can be done, and in accordance with this finding has upheld Assessor Sigler's levy of \$200,000 on the franchise of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company. The assessment of \$200,000 made by Mr. Sigler on the franchise of the Home Telephone Company was reduced to \$100,000 on account of the corporation's plant not yet being in operation. Charles H. Carey and A. King Wilson, representing the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company and Home Telephone Company, respectively, had attacked the validity of the assessments on the franchises of the two corporations, claiming that the tax levied by the county, as well as the 2 per cent gross income tax imposed by the law passed by the last Legislature, was in the nature of double taxation, and consequently unconstitutional. The Board of Equalization held that the legislative enactment in question did not become operative until last July, and consequently did not apply to assessments made on property in March. The two telephone companies will probably appeal from this ruling.

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The peon El Aguilas (the Eagle), who is described as the baron of Montezumas, and who seems to know more about the family affairs of the different generations involved than the oldest settler does about the history of the land, is equally at home on occasions of the inevitable American newspaper correspondent is also very much in evidence throughout the play and falls a victim to the fascination of the woman, a housemaid, Annette. When engaged in making violent love and singing charming ditties with the object of his adoration, the scribe is generally found doing life-saving stunts for the benefit of that portion of oppressed humanity that seems to possess no other means of self-government.

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