

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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AMUSEMENTS.

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

BAKER THEATER (Third between Yamhill and Taylor)—Baker Theater Company in "A Day's Ride," tonight at 8:15.

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

GRAND THEATER (Washington, between Park and Seventh)—Vaudeville, 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 P. M.

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

STAR THEATER (Park and Washington)—Alvin Brock, comedy in "The Great Brother," matinee, 2:30 P. M.; tonight at 8:15 P. M.

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

MOVE FOR COMMERCIAL ATTACHE.—The Portland Chamber of Commerce has taken the initiative in securing the appointment of a commercial attache to the consulate at Yokohama and Shanghai.

WOMAN RUN DOWN BY HORSE.—Miss Harriet A. Versteeg, bookkeeper for Neustadter Bros. on Grand avenue, and East Taylor street, while on her way to dinner yesterday at noon was run over by a runaway horse at East Alder street and narrowly escaped being killed.

PORTLAND ARCHITECTURAL CLUB.—The Portland Architectural Club was addressed last evening by Edmund P. Sheldon, secretary of the Oregon and Washington Lumber Manufacturers' Association, who gave an illustrated talk on "Northwest Woods and their Architectural Finishes."

UNITARIAN CLUB ELECTION.—These officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Unitarian Club last night: President, William F. Wood; first vice-president, E. L. Smith; Hood River; second vice-president, H. W. Tallant, Astoria; secretary, James D. Hart; treasurer, Oscar Heitz; executive committee, R. W. Wilber, chairman, S. G. Reed, Edgar B. Piper, S. G. Reed, N. J. Leviason and R. W. Moutague.

T. N. STRONG TO LECTURE.—The second lecture of the course 1906-7 of the South Portland Extension Association will be given by T. N. Strong at the Fourth Presbyterian Church, First and Gibbs streets tonight. The subject is "The Influence of the Coast Wood on the Pacific Coast." The program has been arranged and altogether an instructive and entertaining evening opening is promised.

TO SELECT PASTOR SOON.—It is probable that the committee which has in charge the selection of a pastor for the First Presbyterian Church will soon be organized to make a report of its choice. The committee has had the names of a number of prominent clergymen under consideration while it is said that no selection has yet been made, the members expect to reach a conclusion within the next week or two.

FUR BOX FOUND IN CAR.—A milk fur box, which was either lost or stolen and was found in a railway coach at the Union Depot, was taken to the police station last night for safe keeping. The fur was found by car cleaners, who, when questioned by the police, refused to tell where they got it. They were taken to the station and after an interview with Chief Grizmacher, said it had been left in the car.

X. M. C. A. WEEK OF PRAYER.—The annual week of prayer will commence Monday, November 12, at the Y. M. C. A. Two meetings a day will be held—one at noon and the other at 9:15 P. M. Rev. Henry Norcutt will conduct the meetings assisted by a number of other ministers. During the week it is expected that every minister in the city will attend at least one of the meetings and assist with the work.

FIGHTER IS ARRESTED.—After "mixing it" with a man half his size and twice his age, D. Gillmore was arrested at 82 Davis street last night and will be given a hearing this morning. Gillmore is said to have sought trouble with his antagonist but came out second best. After being soundly beaten he was locked up on the charge of interfering with the restricted district.

CLEAR BRUSH FROM LOTS.—Councilman Vaughn is preparing an ordinance to require property owners to cut the brush from vacant lots throughout the city. He believes that, in addition to being unsightly, the brush causes greater danger from fire in certain suburban residential districts. The ordinance may be presented at the meeting of the Council tomorrow.

OFFICER STOPS RUNAWAY.—A runaway team was caught by officer Hart at the corner of Park and Morrison streets yesterday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock. The team was hitched to a heavy wagon and was the property of a farmer. The horses became frightened at a passing street car.

LECTURE ON JAPANESE PRINTS.—The first of the series of talks on Japanese Prints by Miss Katherine M. Hall will be given this morning at the Museum of Art, Fifth and Taylor streets at 10:30 o'clock.

ADLERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Adlers' Relief Society will be held today at 2 P. M. in the First Presbyterian Church, Tenth and Alder streets.

enthusiastic demonstration. They give ten scenes from the familiar Ballo opera. Miss Andrews' singing of "I Dreamt I Dwell in Marble Halls" is sweetly sympathetic, her voice being admirably suited to the selection. Other numbers are "The Heart Bowed Down," which Mr. Gordon does beautifully; "Then You'll Remember Me," by Mr. Gunson; the "Comrade Duet," by Messrs. Gunson and Gordon, and the trio at the finale of the opera in which Miss Andrews again distinguishes herself. This act is one of the best Manager Erickson secured for his house since he has been in the local vaudeville field.

The moving picture film, showing a sensational automobile race, is unusually interesting and adds materially to the strength of the bill. The other acts are good in the main, although none of them are worthy of especial comment.

IT IS a remarkable fact that trick bicycle acts seem to be just as popular today as they were ten years ago. The public tires of some things in vaudeville very quickly, but not of bike stunts. As an instance of this, one has only to observe the enthusiasm that greets Nichols and Smith, a team of crack comedy riders, who are featured in Pantages' bill this week. These two clever riders do a remarkable series of tricks with the wheels, creating constant merriment and wonder at their dexterity and to hold their breath at their daring. It is distinctly a good act, and Manager Johnson may count himself lucky in securing it.

Harry Lane, not the Mayor, is presented in a trick bicycle act, possibly mightily. Fred Merrill did an act at Pantages a week or two ago, and if this thing continues the public may expect to see many of the patrons who are featured at this vaudeville emporium. Arbutic and Blaine have an amusing burlesque act. Brown and Brown make a successful comedy act. The Beverly and Danvers keep up a rapid fire of good-natured talk. Leo White pleases with his illustrated song, and the biograph pictures are well worth waiting for.

How a Montana Legislator Refused \$20,000 Bribe.—"The Story of Montana," in McClure's, Cooney was offered \$20,000 for his vote on several occasions. Early on the morning of the day of Clark's election, Cooney rapped on the door of John R. Toole's room in the Helena Hotel. Toole was not yet up, but called to him to come in. Cooney was evidently laboring under great excitement and his perspiration stood on his forehead. In his eye was the look of a hunted man.

"My God, this is awful," he said to Toole. "What is the matter?" asked Toole. "They have been on my track all night," replied Cooney. "They've shined \$20,000 in bills under my nose; they've told me Conrad would have no use for me after this thing was over—that I might as well take the money. They have said a dozen times: Here is \$20,000—put it in your pocket—don't be a fool! They've tried to reach my family—have seen my wife—I wish they would leave my family alone. They have hounded my brother wherever he goes to get him to use his influence with me. They won't let me rest. I have got to talk with someone."

"If you have come to me for advice," said Toole, "I'm not going to give it to you. I'm not going to have you or your wife say I stood between you and fortune. If you took that money and were charged with the crime of a bribe, you would not vote to send you to the penitentiary. I realize the conditions that men are under here. Here is W—His ranch is mortgaged; his wife is in a bad way; his wife has not been able to give her the necessities of life. You can't blame me for taking money from a man in such a circumstance—when this town is making a virtue of bribery. You might as well arrest a hungry boy for stealing a ripe apple hanging over the fence. But someone told the money; you will have no better appetite, you will sleep in no better bed. "If you want my opinion about this thing, I'll tell you that if you take that money, in time you will develop the heart of things. Twenty thousand dollars looks big at first, but it doesn't last long—not as long as the stain of the crime. All these men who are taking money in this way, they may not serve time, but that is only one form of punishment—there are others."

On the final ballot Cooney voted for Conrad, as he had throughout the session. After he had looked on at the terrible scene in which the bribery was publicly pointed out, and their price shouted at them, he said to Toole: "I am the happiest man you ever saw."

"Dead" Leaves Not Dead.—London Spectator. Leaves do not fall from the tree because they are "dead"—which we may take as equivalent to saying because they are no longer receiving the constituents of their being from the sap and from the air—but as a consequence of a process of growth which develops just at the junction of the leaf-stem with the more permanent portion of the tree, certain corklike cells which have very little adhesion, so that the leaf is very liable to be broken away by influences of wind and changes of temperature and of moisture.

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At the Stock Theaters

LYRIC. A FAMOUS old drama, "The Octopus," upon which Dion Boucicault lavished his best talents, is being revived by the Lyric Stock Company this week, and the result is a very good performance.

STAR. An old and familiar friend among melodramas is "Brother Against Brother," which the Allen Stock Company is presenting at the Star this week.

At the Vaudeville Theaters. NELLIE ANDREWS and her company of grand opera singers have returned to the Grand for this week and are heading the bill with scenes from "The Bohemian Girl."

WHERE TO DINE.

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