

APPROVE PLAN OF MULTNOMAH CLUB

City Officials Appreciate Offer
of Co-operation in Play-
ground Project.

GIVES IT A NEW IMPETUS

Proposal Made by Professor Herd-
man at Club Dinner Meets With
Hearty Response From Park
Board and Mayor.

The proposal made by Professor Hugh Herdman at the Multnomah Club dinner Saturday night that the club take up the matter of establishing public playgrounds for children, and the enthusiastic response of the club members to the suggestion promises to arouse widespread interest in Portland. If the new spirit which has been infused into the grounds for fresh air and physical exercise does not flag the little folk of this city soon will be provided with well equipped grounds and be able to enjoy the advantages of gymnastic exercises and outdoor sports.

The Multnomah Club is interested in everything which tends to develop a love for athletic sports and is also interested in the welfare of the children, who are growing up in Portland. If the youngsters do not have grounds to romp in, apparatus to tumble over, and all the healthful means of childhood enjoyment, it will not be the fault of the Multnomah. Of course the public regulations have to be enforced, but it is a bit difficult to make a growing boy understand why he cannot play football or other games on the streets or along the curbs. The cordially detested "copper" has become the bane of childhood in cities that are not provided with public playgrounds. Children look forward with joy to an institution which will permit of all sorts of healthful sport, safe from the policeman's gruff "move on." Now that the Park Board, the Mayor, the Initiative One Hundred and the Multnomah Club have joined hands in an effort to provide playgrounds for children, the matter is being pushed forward. At the last meeting of the Initiative One Hundred the members of the Park Board were present, and this matter was thoroughly discussed. In the resolution drawn up regarding the bonding of the city for a park system was incorporated a provision for the purchase of a number of city blocks for use as playgrounds. Mayor Lane has long favored such a movement and promises to be one of the staunchest supporters, while not a single member of the Park Board is against it.

Directors' Meeting Thursday.

The Multnomah Club will hold a directors' meeting at 8 o'clock Thursday evening and take some official action on Professor Herdman's suggestion. It is planned by the members most interested to have a committee consisting of the Mayor and Park Board, asking their co-operation. As this will be forthcoming almost without the asking, the way seems clear for Portland to fall into line with other cities that have taken this step forward in public improvements.

"Land is increasing in value every day in Portland," said Mayor Lane. "And it is a mighty good idea to secure the money to buy a tract of land before it becomes prohibitive. I have always favored this project and feel that such grounds should be scattered all through the city."

Dr. J. R. Wilson, of Portland Academy, one of the hardest workers on the Park Board, is quite as earnest in his recommendation of the project. "I have always advocated such a measure," he said, "and am glad to know an organization like the Multnomah Club is going to take active interest in it. The board will certainly co-operate with the club and will operate with every organization in the city which will become interested in this very worthy project. There is not a member of the board who does not favor the provision for playgrounds. The board already has made a step in this direction, having set aside two of the park blocks in the north part of the city, near the Customs House, for the purpose last summer. We did this at the request of the People's Institute and the reports we have had from the venture are most encouraging."

George McMillen, of the Multnomah Club, who is one of the advocates of the movement, expressed himself with enthusiasm on the subject yesterday.

Club Members Unanimous.

"We have been talking the matter over here at the club today," he said, "but we take no official action until Thursday night. A board meeting will be held at that time. The club members are unanimous, however, that such grounds should be provided for the children of the community and that they should be equipped with the necessary apparatus to give the little ones exercise and enjoyment. We intend asking the co-operation of the Mayor and Park Board and we also intend to get the Y. M. C. A. interested in the work. We have been discussing the matter of selecting the right people for the head of the movement and several prominent citizens are now under consideration. I believe it will be a great success."

Mr. McMillen mentioned the various plans which had been suggested by different members. If one plan is to be chosen for each side of the river, the suggestion of dividing the plan into sections for the separate use of boys and girls probably will be adopted. The paramount question is that of obtaining the necessary funds to purchase and equip the grounds. Whether this is to be done by bonding the district or by popular subscription is a question yet to be settled. The Multnomah Club seems to favor the popular subscription plan, but its plans are not matured.

MAY GET BRANCH LIBRARY

Central East Portland Citizens Must Agree to Furnish Site.

Central East Portland can secure a permanent branch of the Portland Library Association if its citizens will secure a quarter block for a site in some place that will be convenient to the new East Side High School building. O. M. Scott, who has been chairman of the extension Association, has received a direct proposition from Dr. T. L. Eliot, of the Library Association, in which an offer is made to erect a building and put in the library if the people will provide the site. The money for the building will not come from the Portland Library fund, but from donations by friends of the extension movement. Therefore it is for the people

of East Portland to raise between \$500 or \$600 for the purchase of a quarter block of ground to take advantage of the offer of a building.

Those who have taken up the library question have done so because of the near approach of the time when the East Side High School building will be completed and occupied by from 500 to 1000 students who will want to consult a library constantly. They obtained this promise of a building and the maintenance of a branch library on the condition that ground be secured. After the building is completed the Portland Library Association will assume control, establish a branch and equip it with books. It would be accessible to a very large territory, including Mount St. Helens. When a location and the cost of a quarter block have been decided upon, measures will be taken to ascertain if the money for the ground can be secured.

AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say.

COMIC OPERA TONIGHT.

Dainty Helen Byron in "Sergeant

Kitty" at the Helix.

The attraction at the Helix, Fourteenth and Washington streets, tonight at 8:15 o'clock and continuing tomorrow and Wednesday nights, will be the dainty lyric comedienne, Helen Byron, supported by an excellent cast and chorus, in the brilliant musical, comic-opera, "Sergeant Kitty." If you enjoy hearing bright, catchy music, most admirably sung by a painstaking company, do not overlook "Sergeant Kitty."

"Yon Yonson" Welcomed at Empire.

"Yon Yonson" received a welcome that is seldom accorded a road attraction at the Empire yesterday and the crowded houses were most enthusiastic in their reception of the great dialect artist, George Thompson, who takes the title role. The songs, dances and other specialties were great successes.

"The Hair Apparent" at Lyric.

Commencing this afternoon the Lyric Stock Company will be seen for a week in the beautiful comedy-drama, "The Hair Apparent," declared by competent critics to be a worthy successor to "The Prisoner of Zenda." The scenery has been especially prepared.

"Love and Law" at the Star.

"Love and Law" will be the attraction all this week at the Star Theater. Milton Nobles wrote "Love and Law." He is well remembered in Portland, for he lived here many years ago and the dramatist appeared in this particular drama to local theaters.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" Coming to the Helix.

Children, both small and "grown-up," will welcome the attraction at the Helix Theater next Saturday afternoon and night, February 2, when Stearns' big "Uncle Tom's Cabin" will be the attraction. This ever-popular old drama will be presented by a most capable company and no doubt as heretofore crowded houses will be the rule. The attraction will be on the Helix stage on Thursday at box office of the theater.

"The Middleman" at the Baker.

The Baker Stock Company, which will be engaged with the presentation of "Oregon" until Wednesday, will revive its successful production of "The Middleman" the latter part of the week, beginning Thursday night, and including a Saturday matinee. As before, John Sainpale will appear in the great character of Cyrano Blenkarn.

Isabel Irving Next Week.

Leibler & Co. will present the brilliant young star, Isabel Irving, in Jerome K. Jerome's comedy, "Susan in Search of a Husband," at the Helix Theater, Wednesday and Thursday nights, February 5, 6 and 7. Miss Irving is supported by an excellent cast. Seat sales open next Saturday, February 2.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS

Noetzel Family at the Grand.

Beginning this afternoon the Grand will offer a new vaudeville entertainment with some especially clever artists on the program. The leading act is the noted Noetzel family, who perform on a first class and have a dastardly singing specialty. The remainder of the bill is up to the mark.

Royal Troupe at Pantages.

The Royal Japanese Troupe, greatest of Oriental acrobats and jugglers, will appear at Pantages Theater today as the headline act in the new week's program. No other Japanese troupe is able to do the feats performed by the royal performers, who have been commended by the Mikado himself. Seven other big acts complete a strong bill.

DEFENDS MISSIONARY IDEA

Dr. Clarence True Wilson Says Civilization Pays in Cash.

The morning sermon by Rev. Clarence True Wilson, at Grace Methodist Episcopal Church yesterday, was a defense of Christian missions, his subject being "The Missionary Idea." He would take a stick and obtain the last words in the Gospel of Matthew, which command the disciples of Christ to preach the gospel to the whole world. He said that the mission of Christians has ever prospered except where it has been hindered by the missionary idea. "Trade with the South Sea Islands yields every year a sum of money, the profits of which are expended in Christianizing them."

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Suburbs Form Fire Companies.

The people of Nashville, a settlement on the Mount Scott line, are making a special effort to secure fire protection in connection with other neighborhoods in that territory. A meeting was held last week when arrangements were completed for giving a ball on the evening of January 30 to raise funds, and another meeting will be held February 1. The Nashville Volunteer Fire Company has already been formed, with a full set of officers, and it is desired to purchase such apparatus as the company can use to advantage in that neighborhood. Artists have organized a volunteer company and is negotiating for a chemical engine. All the settlements along the railway are organizing for fire protection. Volunteer companies are being organized, all of which will work in harmony and co-operate in case of fire. Losses during the past year from fire have been considerable. With the fire companies in the district, the danger from fire increases.

PUBLIC OPINION A CURE FOR LIES

Healthy Sentiment, Backed by
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boy as this could be. The modern industrial

age. No boy is being prepared for any-

thing better ahead when he is employed, as

he usually is, in a domestic or industrial

man who says: 'When I was 12 I worked.'

Forgets that in the main, modern industrial

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last point leads us to quite as great a

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