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AMUSEMENTS. THE HEILIG THEATRE (14th and Washington streets) tonight at 8:15. "The Umpire."

BAKER THEATRE (34th bet. Yamhill and Taylor) tonight at 8:15. "The Umpire."

EMPIRE THEATRE (14th and Morrison) tonight at 8:15. "My Wife's Family."

GRAND THEATRE (Washington, between Park and Seventh) Vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M.

PANTAGES THEATRE (Fourth and Star) Continuous Vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30, 9 P. M.

STAR THEATRE (Park and Washington) Alvin Stock Company in "Capitol" matinee at 2:15 P. M. tonight 8:15.

LYRIC THEATRE (7th and Alder) The Lyric Stock Company in "Hoop of Gold" matinee 2:15; tonight 8:15.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Complaints of subscribers to The Oregonian who receive irregular delivery service in Portland or elsewhere will receive prompt attention. A standing reward of \$10 is offered for the arrest and conviction of any person caught stealing The Oregonian from the doors of its subscribers.

CIRCULATION MANAGER.

MAST WERE SWINDLED. According to developments yesterday morning, East Side businessmen were swindled by forged checks besides R. W. Parker, the Grand-avenue grocer. On East Burnside street a check of \$20 was passed at the grocery store of Rudolph Schmeier, and a like check was taken at the saloon on the corner of Union avenue and East Burnside street. On Grand avenue, checks were passed on Wednesday night, and were worked the swindle Saturday night, the busiest time of the day when there was no time to inspect the checks closely, or make inquiries concerning them, and in no case were the forgeries discovered by the businessmen until they began to receive the checks back from the bank endorsed "no money on deposit." Just how much was secured is not known, but probably not less than \$100. The scheme is an old one.

MEMBER OF MONTAVILLA PISH CLUBS. John Miller, C. T. Evans and Henry Freestrough, representing the Montavilla Board of Trade, and H. B. Dickinson, E. Epton and O. E. Carter, representing the Montavilla Improvement League met Wednesday night and adopted a plan to consolidate the two organizations into one strong club. As a basis of consolidation and reorganization it was decided to disband both the present board and league, and form an entirely new club with a new name, new constitution, and new officers. Accordingly a new name was adopted and new constitution prepared. These will be reported at a joint meeting next Tuesday night, at which time the name proposed will be announced. If the action of the joint committee is then approved the consolidated club will adopt the name and constitution, and then proceed with the election of new officers. It has been felt for some time in Montavilla that better work could be done through one than through two clubs at cross purposes.

VISIT OF FRATERNAL BROTHERHOOD OFFICERS. Members of the several different lodges of the Fraternal Brotherhood are making elaborate preparations for the official visit of the supreme vice-president, Mrs. Emma R. Neldig, of Los Angeles. Mrs. Neldig is considered one of the ablest representatives of a fraternal order on the Pacific Coast. She is a pleasing speaker and has a charming personality. She will be given an official reception by the order in Oregon City, on Monday night, February 25. St. Johns on February 28, and Portland lodge No. 209 on February 27. A new lodge of the order will be instituted in Albina on February 28 and in Multnomah lodge on Friday night, March 1. F. E. Taylor, state deputy supreme president, of the order in Oregon reports that 125 candidates will be initiated during the visit of Mrs. Neldig in Oregon.

CHAIRS FOR COURTROOM. Three chairs for the Municipal Court were purchased yesterday by C. S. Hennessy, with the \$6 contributed to Judge Cameron's Tuesday afternoon by a jury of prominent businessmen. After trying the case of the city against P. P. Fisher, vice-president of the streetcar union, the merchants donated their fees in the case to testify to their eagerness and humiliation at the filthy appearance of the court "furnishings." It is the duty of the Powers Furniture Company to give three fine chairs for the money.

CLASS WORKS AHEAD. Eastern capitalists are willing to establish glass works in Oregon to manufacture window glass exclusively, if Portland or some other city will provide a small bonus. The promoters are willing to furnish the bulk of the capital. At a special meeting of the executive board of the Board of Trade to be held next week a proposal will be entertained from an Eastern manufacturing establishment. Experiments have been conducted in the past which show that there is suitable glass sand in the state and that it exists in large quantities.

TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL SERVICES. The services at Temple Beth Israel, Twelfth and Main streets will commence tonight at 8 o'clock and tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. The sermon tonight, in view of the fact that it is Washington's birthday will be built on the character of that great leader. The subject will be "A Nation's Choice of Heroes." Saturday morning the discussion of the Pentateuch will be continued with the subject "Real Men and Women." Strangers welcome at both services.

STOMACH REMOVED. In an operation for cancer of the stomach, performed upon John Harley, of Condon, Or., at St. Vincent's Hospital, yesterday morning, the surgeons removed the entire stomach. The operation was pronounced a success. This is one of the most difficult operations known to surgery.

ACCUSED OF SPREADING WIRE. W. H. Kirby was arrested on a charge of larceny yesterday morning and was lodged in the City Jail. He is accused of stealing copper wire from the Oregon Water Power Company.

TRANSACTION NO BUSINESS. The East Side Business Men's Club adjourned last night without transacting any business. The time of most of the members is taken up at present with the East Side open-house proposition.

A SOCIAL will be given by the Ladies' Aid Society of Portland Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church, Saturday evening, February 23, at 45 North Fourteenth street. Good programme. Admission 25 cents.

ROYAL CHINOOK SALMON BELLIES. IMPORTED NORWAY MACKEREL. D. C. BURNS Co., 210 3rd st., Main 518.

GROUND LEASE of well built to suit tenants, 28x30 feet, between Stark and Oak; owner, 444 Sherwood Bldg., Pa. 1014.

WATCH the theatrical page for Stender-Becker-Chew Concert Company, March 4. Thought power, its control and culture; stereopticon lecture tonight, Alisky hall.

WOMAN'S EXC., 123 19th, lunch 11:30 to 2 P. M. Business men's lunch.

WATCH the paper for Fritha Stender. WOOSTER'S great grocery, Wash. st.

MEYER CASE CONTINUED.—Al Meyer, a young wrapping clerk, who was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Mrs. Ben Ely, charging him with the theft of jewelry from the Ely apartments at the Hotel Carleton, was arraigned in the Police Court yesterday and asked for a continuance until Monday which was granted. H. Martin, an employee of a jewelry store, who was implicated in the affair by Meyer, was examined by Deputy District Attorney Haney yesterday. Meyer declared at the time of his arrest that he and Martin had visited the Morrison-street bridge together and at the instance of the latter he had thrown a ring belonging to Mr. Ely into the river. The only evidence against Meyer is that he had the casnet which had contained the jewelry in his possession, and that his statements as to how he acquired it have not been satisfactory to the police. Detectives Jones and Mallot, who arrested Meyer, are inclined to think that Martin is mixed up in the theft, although this opinion is not concurred in by the District Attorney.

GAS COMPANY PLANS.—The committee appointed at the last meeting of the Sellwood Board of Trade to canvass Sellwood suburb between Holgate street and the city limits south to ascertain how much gas will be taken from the new home company, is at work and will complete the canvass by the next meeting, when a report will be made. The company does not intend to manufacture illuminating gas at present, but only gas for heating and for power. The company will not at present enter into the larger district of the city. Its plant will be built near the East Side Sawmill, and will consume the sawdust and slabwood from the mill. The company controls the patents as applied to the making of gas from the by-products.

WOMEN'S CLUB PROGRAMME.—The Women's Club will have a Spanish programme at this afternoon's meeting, the lecture of the day to be given by Mrs.

ONE-PAGE CLASSICS IN THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN

The Sunday Oregonian announces the publication of a series of one-page classics, the world's greatest stories, told in five thousand words. The first of the series, which will appear Sunday, is Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables," condensed by Irving King. The writer has succeeded in the difficult task of retaining the characteristics and charm of the classic and making the condensed version a fascinating tale in itself, that will be sure to hold the reader quite by its own merit. Every one wants to know enough to be able to converse about the masterpieces of literature, but only comparatively few persons have time or patience to read novels so long as are almost all the great classics. The publication of the stories in one-page versions will serve three purposes: It will stimulate the young to read the world's greatest authors; to those who have read them in childhood, the stories will refresh the memory with the salient features of the plots; those who have not read them will be made familiar with the world's greatest novels, from which they can choose those which catch their fancy for later reading.

Alice Welster who has traveled extensively in Spain, this address will be illustrated with 75 colored stereopticon views. Mrs. Welster will be assisted by Senor A. R. Vegas, J. Adrian Epping will sing the "Cordray Song," and Senor Palacios will furnish numbers with his mandolin orchestra. The meeting will be held at the W. O. W. Hall, Tenth and Taylor, the club's new headquarters, and Mrs. W. Wynn Johnson will preside.

WILL BE CALLED CORDRAY THEATRE.—The proposed new East Side theatre will be called the "Cordray Theatre," in honor of the veteran manager John F. Cordray. Satisfactory progress was made yesterday by the canvassers, and more than half of the \$50,000 required for the building was reported. It would be an easy matter to place the whole issue among capitalists, but the object is to distribute the stock as widely as possible. It will take a little longer, but the committee has adopted this plan to make the theatre popular with the whole of the East Side.

ART MUSEUM OPEN TODAY.—The Museum of Art, Fifth and Taylor streets, will be open today, Washington's birthday, from 2 to 5 o'clock, with free admission. In the upper galleries are shown large photographs selected from the works of Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael and Michel Angelo. A few oil paintings lent for exhibition are hung in the lower gallery, among them a landscape by Mr. C. S. Wood, and one by Childe Hassam lent by Judge Carey, which have never been exhibited before.

IMPROVE SEVEN MILES OF STREET.—The Mississippi Avenue Improvement Club will meet this evening to consider the improvement of seven miles of street in Multnomah Addition. Meeting will be held in the hall on Mississippi avenue and Shaver street.

WILL CLEAN UP THE PARK.—Mount Tabor school children will assist today and tomorrow in cleaning up the top of Mount Tabor, preparatory to inviting the people of the city to visit the elevation, so they can have seen what they are voting for next June.

SELLWOOD GYM TRAINING SCHOOL.—The small building that was used for the manual training department on the grounds of the Stephens school, has been moved to Sellwood school ground, where a manual training department will be established.

A. O. U. W. LIBRARY OPEN TODAY.—The A. O. U. W. Library will be open this evening from 2 to 5:30 o'clock.

Dr. O. C. Hollister has returned and may be found in his office at usual hours.

WATCH the paper for Otis Chew, who will be in Portland March 4.

WOMAN'S EXC., 123 19th, lunch 11:30 to 2; business men's lunch.

COLONIAL MASQUERADE

At Oaks Rink. There will be a grand time at the Oaks rink all day today. Special skating starts at 9 A. M. and lasts all day. At night there will be two sessions, the first from 7 to 10, for maskers. At 9:30 o'clock the grand march, at 10 o'clock masks off and general skating until 12 o'clock. The rink has been completely renovated and the floor resurfaced. Do not miss the Oaks today.

Don't wait until you are sick before trying Carter's Little Liver Pills, but get a trial at once. You can't take them without benefit.

At the Theaters

What the Press Agents Say. "The Umpire" at the Heilig. Hotel clerk, Frank Allsworth. Ethel Hills, Jessie Courtney. Hon. "Shifty" Goode, Bradlee Martin. J. Stanley Lewton, Harry Hanlon. Robert Griffin, Bert Young. Mazuma, Helene Sallinger. Ralph Carleton, George Damerel. Edith Proby, Katherine Bunn. Maribel Lewton, Guelma Baker. James, a bellboy, Jesse Huston. Lady Stella Brighton Fitzhugh. Edith Yerrington. Mual, Forrest Doolittle. Jimmie Dolan, Fred Mace.

THANK you very kindly Messrs. Managers all for bringing to us last night, "The Umpire," at the Heilig. Musical comedy will not entirely perish from the earth so long as the youngsters continue to turn out tuneful tomfoolery like this, set before us by such capable mirth disseminators as Fred Mace and his associates. "The Umpire" is a Chicago production and it is new. It is on tour for the first time after a 300-performance run in Jungleville last year. It is the work of two young Chicago University students, Will Hough and Frank Adams, who are also responsible for other successes. Joe Howard wrote the music and was in a good humor when he did it. There are a number of novel features, chief of which is the scheme of making a baseball umpire the central figure. When everybody had about concluded that the material for musical comedy was all out, it remained for Hough and Adams to discover the possibilities of the unhappy baseball umpire. The two acts transpire in Tangier, Morocco, just before the extradition treaty was signed, and the place is filled with refugee bank presidents, trust magnates and other plain and fancy crooks. The most distinguished of the lot is an umpire, who made a rank decision because he was hypnotized by a pair of pretty eyes in the grandstand. With difficulty he escaped with his life and fled to Morocco. There he meets the girl who proves to be a daughter of a beef-trust official, who is sojourning there with her father. That is the thread on which the show is strung together. Fred Mace, who was here last year with "Piff, Paff, Puff," succeeds in adding materially to his reputation as a comedian. Eddie Foy created the part, but I am of the opinion that Mace is his equal at every point. His description of the fatal ball game comes early enough in the performance to put him on a secure footing, and last night's audience was not slow to hold him after the first two minutes of his work. There was no kicking on the umpire during the entire game. Although suffering from a hoarseness last night, which practically put her voice out of commission, Guelma Baker, one of the cutest soubrettes in the business, is delightful as the umpire's charmer. Her singing of "Cross Your Heart" with Mace, "The Quarter-back," and "You Look Good to Father," were each delicate hits. Miss Baker played Little in "Poggy From Paris," here two years ago, and the local theater fans have not forgotten her. Besides Mace the company boasts two number-one comedians, Harry Hanlon, as the German trust president, and Bradlee Martin, as his lawyer. Hanlon's accent is a delight to listen to and he does not miss the character an outrageous caricature. In spite of the temptations, he never gets away from legitimate comedy. Edith Yerrington, as the much-divorced Lady Fitzhugh, is a charming actress, but does not sing up to her opportunities in the two big song numbers which fall to her, "Let's Take a Trolley," and "The Drums of the Fore and Aft." Her tones are throaty and her enunciation faulty. The best voice in the feminine contingent, is that of Katherine Bunn who sings, "I Want a Girl Like You," while the singing of "The Sun That Shines on Dixie Land," by George Damerel and the chorismen was the vocal feature par excellence.

The chorus is sprightly and good looking and the costumes, particularly Miss Yerrington's gowns are stunning. Every line is a laugh, and every song a whistling tune. That can honestly be said for "The Umpire." It will run until Sunday night with a Saturday matinee.

MADAM BUTTERFLY. Henry W. Savage's English Opera Company in Puccini's Grand Opera. Henry W. Savage will give Portland its first grand opera this season, and as usual will bring the music lover a decided novelty in Giacomo Puccini's Japanese grand opera, "Madam Butterfly."

TEETH. A \$12.00 Full Set for \$6.00. FRED FREIN, Room 405 Dekum Building.

COLONIAL MASQUERADE. Oaks Rink TONIGHT. TWO SESSIONS: 7 TO 10 FOR MASKERS; 10 TO 12 GENERAL SKATING. If you haven't a costume come anyway, as masks are on sale at the Rink. Special morning session, Extra music all the afternoon. Don't miss this.

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WHERE TO DINE. All the delicacies of the season at the Portland Restaurant; fine private apartments for parties, 306 Wash., near 5th. Washington's Birthday (today) Brander's Grill, 103 Sixth street, serves an elegant seven-course dinner with wine, from 12 to 9 P. M.

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