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AMUSEMENTS.

THE HELIG THEATER (14th and Washington sts.)—This afternoon 2:15 o'clock, tonight 8:15. Blanche Walsh in 'The Straight Road.' BAKER THEATER (3d bet. Yamhill and Taylor)—Baker's 'The Straight Road.' EMPIRE THEATER (11th and Morrison)—'The Straight Road.' GRAND THEATER (Washington between Park and Seventh)—Vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M. FANTASIES THEATER (4th and Stark)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M. LYRIC THEATER (7th and Alder)—The Lyric Stock Company in 'Carmen,' matinee at 2:15, tonight at 8:15. STAR THEATER (Park and Washington)—Allen Stock Company in 'Winchester,' matinee Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 2:15 P. M.; tonight at 8:15.

At the Theaters

What the Press Agents Say. TWO PERFORMANCES TODAY. Blanche Walsh in 'The Straight Road' at Helig Theater.

There will be two performances at the Helig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, today, a special matinee at 2:15 o'clock and the last time tonight at 8:15. The favorite actress, Blanche Walsh, supported by an excellent company, will present 'The Straight Road.' This is by far Miss Walsh's greatest success. Seats are selling at the theater box office for both performances.

Phenomenal Week at Baker Theater. 'Leah Kleschna,' the great Baker Stock Company success of the present week, will be seen in matinee this afternoon and the engagement terminates with this evening's performance. In presenting this great play the Baker company has ably demonstrated its ability to undertake any production and carry it to an artistic success.

'Ole Olson' Ends Tonight. Today's matinee and the evening performance will close the popular engagement of the 'Ole Olson' company, and the happy-go-lucky crowd will be good-bye to the Portland friends for the season. There is laughter and fun for those who have yet to see this dialect comedy.

'Winchester' Nearing Close. Attend the matinee performance of the military drama 'Winchester' at the Star Theater this afternoon. There will be another matinee tomorrow and the last performance will be tomorrow evening. There are many surprises in 'Winchester,' more so than in any other Civil War drama.

'Carmen,' at the Lyric. If you want to see the Lyric's gorgeous production of 'Carmen,' you'll have to order your tickets immediately. There will be a matinee today and tomorrow, and two performances tonight and tomorrow night. The show commencing promptly at 7:15 o'clock.

COMING ATTRACTIONS. 'Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch' at Helig Next Monday. Seats are now selling at the box office of the Helig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, for Liebler & Co.'s production of 'Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch,' which comes to the above theater next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Wednesday afternoon, at 2:15 o'clock.

'The Judge and the Jury.' 'The Judge and the Jury,' a fine play of the Southwest, by Harry Cottrell and Charles H. Johnson, will be on for next week and the opening will be tomorrow afternoon. This play is entirely new to Portland and is of a character to interest every class of patrons.

'A Stranger in Town' Tomorrow. The Empire Theater management has secured 'A Stranger in Town' for next week and will have a happy surprise for its patrons in the new comedy with music. A well-known young star, Frank Beamish, will appear at the head of an excellent company.

Swedish Comedy Tomorrow Night. 'Anderson Peterson as Lundstrom,' which will be presented at the Helig Theater, comes to the above theater next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. It is a comedy of that sort for over 20 years, both in Sweden and America and has for more than 1000 times conveyed the different audiences with laughter. Seats are now selling at the Helig Theater box office.

'The Free Lance' Coming. John Philip Soder's latest military comic opera success, 'The Free Lance,' will be the attraction at the Helig Theater next Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, April 11, 12 and 13, with a special matinee Saturday.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS. Thrilling Act at Pantages. Besides Senor Zamas, the famous Mexican knife thrower in a thrilling act, there are in the list at Pantages at the Grand Theater, the following: Currier and Ferris, operatic duo; Mena and Anderson, comedy, and others.

Belle Stone at the Grand. This is a good day to attend the Grand and see the clever vaudeville performance. There are numerous features on the program, but the headliner, Belle Stone, easily ranks first. While in a steel globe, she ascends a lofty spiral staircase. It is a daring and venturesome feat.

FAVOR SATURDAY CLOSING. Delegates to Federated Trades Advocate Discontinuance of Buying. Saturday afternoon closing of Portland business houses was indorsed last night by the Federated Trades Council. The delegates were instructed to take the matter up with each union and advocate a discontinuance of Saturday afternoon purchasing as the most direct means for bringing about the concession by merchants of a half-holiday at the close of the week. The subject was presented to the Council by Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull and Miss Montgomery, representing the Consumers' League.

Final action on the boycott against The Oaks, requested by the 'Carmen's' Union, was deferred for another week until other conferences can be held between a committee representing the Council and the management of this amusement resort and persons operating concessions on the grounds.

The proposal of P. H. Scullin, representing the National Industrial Peace Association, to establish in Portland a branch of his organization, which suggests settling all labor difficulties by arbitration, was received frigidly. A communication from the labor unions of Seattle hostile to the Scullin plan, only strengthened opposition to the scheme, which was tabled.

City politics was discussed at length and it was decided by the Council to take only an inactive part in the situation, leaving the interests of organized labor to the Union Labor Party, which is made up of representatives from each of the unions in the city. The referendum vote that is being taken by these individual organizations on ballots prepared and submitted through the Labor Party will determine the choice of the labor unions as to candidates to be supported in the municipal primary nominating election next month. It is expected the result of this vote will be known in time to be announced at the next meeting of the Labor Party, Wednesday night.

Operator Shot at His Post. PUEBLO, Colo., April 5.—A special to the Chief of Police from Scott City, Kas., says: Between 10 and 11 o'clock last night a shot rang out from the depot of the Missouri Pacific railroad and aroused the proprietor of the hotel nearby. Upon investigation it was found that Operator Kirchoff had been murdered in cold blood by some unknown persons. The body was found partly in the office and partly in the waiting room. The hotel man who discovered the body at once notified the day agent and he came to the scene but no clues were found to the murderer. It is thought robbery was the motive, but that the murderers were frightened away by the quick response to the shot.

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SEVEN KILLED IN WRECK

Accident on Mexican Railroad—Two American Engineers Dead. VERA CRUZ, Mex., April 5.—In a collision between two freight trains on the Mexican Central Railway (old Vera Cruz road) between the stations of Rinconada and Tamarindo yesterday, seven men lost their lives and traffic was completely blocked for 11 hours. Several persons were injured. The dead include both engineers, Americans, and the others are Mexican trainmen.

FIGURES AGAIN PROVE LIE

More "Native-Born" Chinese in This Country Than Facts Can Justify. SAN FRANCISCO, April 5.—Statistics supplied by the immigration board at this port show that, according to the claims of all the Chinese who swore they are native born, women in this country must have been the mother of 38 children. This interesting condition was made known when the figures collected from various points in the country were tabulated.

PERSONAL MENTION.

M. A. Baker, a McMinnville capitalist, is at the Imperial. Dr. L. M. Sims, of Kalama, is stopping at the Imperial. John Minto, a well-known Salem pioneer, is at the Imperial. Dr. Harry A. Littlefield, of Newberg, is registered at the Oregon. Joseph A. Wilson, a Hood River capitalist, was a Portland visitor yesterday. W. R. Chutter, manager of the Chispek Fish Company, with headquarters in Seattle, is at the Oregon. William McMurray, assistant general passenger agent for the Harriman lines of the Northwest, left last night on a business trip to San Francisco.

NEW YORK, April 5.—(Special)—Northwestern people at New York hotels: From Portland—W. F. Thomas, at the Holland; J. Holland, C. Talmage, at the Belmont. From Seattle—P. Rowe, at the Imperial; S. D. Crittenden, at the Astor; E. E. Patterson and wife, E. Oberg, at the Fifth Avenue.

CHICAGO, April 5.—(Special)—Oregon people at Chicago hotels: Portland—H. N. Stouck, J. A. Rosenbaum, Grace R. Distron, at the Auditorium; Miss Harriet Ozer, at the Great Northern. Oregon—Ella Stoner, at the Morrison.

Will Not Compete at Spokane. In a letter to his brother, received yesterday, Edgar Frank, Multnomah Club's 120-pound wrestler, stated that he intended to draw out of the Spokane meet, to be held April 25. The news was not known around Multnomah Club, and so

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