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AMUSEMENTS.
THE HILLO THEATRE (14th and Washington streets)—This afternoon 2:15 o'clock, tonight 8:15, the comedy drama, "The Wings of the Ostrich Patch."
BAKER THEATRE (at bet. Yamhill and Taylor)—"The Judge and the Jury" tonight at 8:15; "The Judge and the Jury" tomorrow at 8:15.
EMPIRE THEATRE (11th and Morrison)—"Ben Hur" in "A Stranger in Town" tonight at 8:15; matinee at 2:15 P. M. Wednesday and Saturday.
GRAND THEATRE (Washington, between Park and Seventh)—Vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M.
PANTAGES THEATRE (4th and Stark)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30, 9 P. M.
LYRIC THEATRE (7th and Alder)—The Lyric Stock Company in "The Gamekeeper"; matinee at 2:15, tonight at 8:15.
STAR THEATRE (Park and Washington)—City Stock Company in "Our New Girl" matinee Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 2:15 P. M.; tonight at 8:15.

CHANGES IN PULPITS.—The United Evangelical Conference at Corvallis changed all the ministers in Portland except Rev. A. A. Winter, at the First Church, East Tenth and Sherman streets, who returns for another year. Mr. Winter will remain in Dallas until after the official installation of Dr. C. A. Mock as president of the Dallas College, which takes place tomorrow. Rev. B. S. Hughes, who takes charge of the Second United Evangelical Church in Albina is a new man in Western Oregon, he having arrived from Eastern Oregon recently. Mr. Hughes and his wife arrived yesterday and have gone to their charge. Rev. E. E. McVicker, who was moved from St. Johns to Lafayette, had been on that charge three years, during which time the church was rebuilt and generally enlarged. Rev. J. Bowersox is sent to Oakley Green with the expectation that a new and larger church will be built up here. There is a parsonage and small chapel on this charge. Rev. H. L. Pratt, who has been presiding elder for Portland District and who was changed to the Dallas District in Portland and will cover his territory from this city. He returned from conference yesterday.

BRICKMASON PROTEST TO MAYOR.—A committee of three brickmasons called on Mayor Lane at the City Hall yesterday and vigorously protested against the Shepherd ordinance, regulating the height of brick buildings in this city. The ordinance was passed by the City Council last week, provides that brick buildings shall not be erected of a greater height than four stories. The ordinance also provides that concrete buildings is limited to 102 feet and they must not be of more than 12 stories. The bricklayers contend that the enforcement of this ordinance will cause them to lose their employment and charge that it is unfair that its provisions should be made to apply to one class of building material. The architects of the city, as well as the Building Commissioner, have refused to endorse the ordinance, which is still in the hands of Mayor Lane. The probabilities are that the measure will be vetoed.

GLASS PLANT IN PROSPECT.—Some months ago a proposal came to the Board of Trade from an Eastern glass manufacturer to move his plant to Portland if a supply of the proper grade of sand from which glass is made could be found nearby. The committee on manufactures took up the matter and secured samples from various places and had them analyzed and tested. Plenty of sand was found in the neighborhood of the proposed plant, but all the samples so far received contain an excess of iron or other deleterious mineral, making the deposit unavailable for the purpose desired. The committee has not given up the hope of yet finding a bed of the proper kind of sand, for there are many localities from which no samples have been sent in.

FIRE COMPANY ORGANIZED.—A volunteer fire company has been organized in North Albina with 60 members. Following are the officers: President, H. G. Pearson; vice-president, Dr. A. B. Stone; secretary, Dr. E. A. Anderson; treasurer, C. H. Dygert. By-laws and constitution have been adopted. It is for this company that it is proposed to erect a building at some convenient point on Killingsworth avenue with the expectation that a paid fire company will be placed in this district within the next few years. The company will be supplied with apparatus by the city.

GOOD PROGRESS ON EXCAVATION.—Work is progressing satisfactorily on the site of the new building at the corner of Trade, corner of Oak and Fourth streets. The lot fronting on Oak street has been excavated and is now ready for erecting piers and foundation walls. The adjoining lot, running to the Chamber of Commerce building, is clear of buildings and but little debris has yet to be removed. In a day or two excavating will begin on that portion of the property and is to be rushed through by means of steam shovels, as was the case with the Oak-street corner.

FUMIGATE FAILING SCHOOL.—The Failing School was closed yesterday to enable the health authorities to fumigate the building thoroughly in an effort to stop out diphtheria that has appeared in the Italian colony in South Portland. One child attending the Failing School was taken ill with the disease Monday and City Health Officer Wheeler decided yesterday to take every precaution to prevent the spread of the malady. No end of trouble is experienced by the health officers in their efforts to enforce the quarantine regulations in this section.

ANOTHER HIGH SCHOOL "FRAT."—A local chapter of the Phi Chi High School Fraternity was organized Monday night at the home of Mason Roberts, 50 North Twenty-third street. Six students of the West Side High School were present and were enrolled as charter members. They are Mason Roberts, John Hickman, Harry Meier, Stanley Wang, William Hastings and Newton Smith. The fraternity was organized by A. H. Abbott and G. R. Kingsland, of the Lowell High School, San Francisco.

LEAVE THROUGH CAR WINDOW.—Driven temporarily insane because he thought he was to be locked in a Southern Pacific passenger coach, G. Bracco, an Italian, leaped through a window shortly after noon yesterday and escaped with speeding toward Portland and escaped with two broken ribs. He lay beside the track until the section following came along and he was picked up and removed to the Good Samaritan Hospital. He was en route from Rifan, Colo.

TEAM WRECKED PEANUT STAND.—A team belonging to the Bickers and Omnibus Transfer Company became frightened at Fourth and Flinders streets late yesterday afternoon and ran away. At Sixth and Washington they collided with a peanut stand owned by Michael Michels and partially wrecked it. Michels was slightly injured by being knocked down. The horses soon stopped.

WRESTLER BREAKS ANKLE.—While engaged in a wrestling bout with a friend in a saloon at 254 Front street last night Alrich Herzig, aged 26 years, sustained a fracture of the left ankle. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—A report is being circulated by a saleswoman (who was in our employ for less than three weeks) to the effect that our business had changed hands. This report is untrue.—Le Palais Royal, 212 Washington street.

BUSINESS MEN'S LUNCH.—11:30 to 2. All home-cooking. Women's Ex., 123 10th st. Dr. WILLIAM HOBBS, nervous diseases, 212-14 Oregonian.

BUILDING COMMITTEE NAMED.—The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. was held in the association rooms last night. Thomas Roberts was elected director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of C. L. Fay about two years ago. The building committee, which will have charge of the construction of the new building was also appointed. This committee is as follows: Chairman, Dr. S. A. Brown, Fletcher Linn, Robert Edvinston, Philip Bruchner, Thomas Roberts, Executive members, W. M. Ladd and H. W. Stone. Reports were also received from the various departments which showed that the association is growing in all lines.

DISCRIMINATION IS CHARGED.—Samuel Connell, president and manager of the Northwest Door Company, has filed a complaint with the Railroad Commission charging that the Benson Logging Company refuses to haul the products of a mill owned by Mr. McConnell above Clatskanie to the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad at Clatskanie. The Benson Company is said to contend that it is not a common carrier, while Mr. McConnell claims it is. The Railroad Commission is asked to decide the matter and will act as an arbitrator of the dispute.

RETAIL BUTCHERS MEET.—Portland Retail Meat Dealers' Association met last night in Alisky Hall and discussed trade conditions. The signing of ice contracts for the coming summer was discussed, but differences seem to prevail between ice manufacturers and the meat dealers. It is understood the butchers have a card up their sleeve which they will play within a short time by means of which they expect to secure ice at a favorable price. Other topics of interest to the trade came up for consideration.

J. D. LEE RETURNS.—J. D. Lee, formerly secretary of the Portland Board of Trade, has just returned from a three months' trip to the East. He visited Columbus, Chicago, Washington and other cities. At Washington he had the pleasure of meeting President Roosevelt. During his trip Mr. Lee said that he saw no evidence of any impending panic, but on the contrary found the country prosperous and business men generally optimistic.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN.—The regular meeting of the Council of Jewish Women will be held today at 2:30 P. M. in the Seligman-Hirsch Hall. The subject of the afternoon will be "The Jew in Religion," presented by Rabbi Jonah B. Wise. A summary of current events will be read by Mrs. H. E. Judge. Miss Elizabeth Harwas will be the soloist of the afternoon and the social hour will complete the programme.

DISCUSS MISSIONARY CENTENNIAL.—The Portland Auxiliary of the Women's Board of Missions met yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. R. E. Bristow on Everett street to discuss plans for the Centennial meeting, which is to be held at Pittsburg in 1907. Through the United States the various auxiliaries are to meet during the month of April to subscribe toward that event. In this city \$600 is to be raised.

WILL SPEAK AT MCMINNVILLE.—Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher, pastor of the White Temple, will speak at a business men's rally and banquet at McMinnville tonight. The rally will be in the interest of McMinnville College. It is expected that Rev. S. M. Martin will also speak. Dr. Brougher will speak at Hood River Saturday night on "How to Be Happy Though Married."

ENTERTAINMENT IN NEW HALL.—A very interesting and enjoyable entertainment was given Monday night in the new Sacred Heart Hall. There was a large gathering and everyone was well satisfied with the performance. Good music was furnished during the evening by the church orchestra. Mrs. K. Covach sang several beautiful selections.

PLUMBER CAUSES GAS EXPLOSION.—A gas explosion in the basement of the home of John Jacobs, 733 East Stark street, yesterday morning caused a slight blaze, but the fire was soon extinguished by a chemical engine. Little damage was done. The explosion was caused by the plumber knocking the plug out of the end of a gaspipe.

ADDRESS ON MANUAL TRAINING.—The educational department of the Women's Club will meet with Mrs. G. M. Gilnes, 322 East Everett street, tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. A. A. Sanborn will address the ladies on "Manual Training in the Public Schools. A full attendance is desired.

MONTAVILLA READING ROOM.—Montavilla residents are looking forward with much pleasure to the programme to be given in Goddard's Hall April 12, in the auspices of the Home Training Association in the interest of the local reading-room.

PORTLAND SEAMEN'S FRIENDS SOCIETY.—The adjourned annual meeting of this society will be held on Wednesday, April 10, at 8 P. M. in its new rooms, 263 Flinders street, corner of Third street. A full attendance of members is desired. WOODSTOCK, Portland's greatest fruit-dealer.

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