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AMUSEMENTS.

THE HELIX THEATRE (4th and Washington streets)—Rose Coghlan in the drama, "Mrs. Warren's Profession." Matinee, 2:15 P. M.; tonight at 8:15. MARQUAM GRAND THEATRE (Morrison between 4th and 7th)—San Francisco Opera Company. The Merry Widow. Matinee, 2:15 P. M.; tonight at 8:15. BAKER THEATRE (5th bet. Yamhill and Taylor)—Baker Theatre Company. "A Contented Woman." Matinee, 2:15 P. M.; tonight at 8:15. EMPIRE THEATRE (11th and Morrison)—Seaman Stock Company in "Wicked London." Matinee, 2:15 P. M.; tonight at 8:15. GRAND THEATRE (between 4th and 7th and 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 All Star Stock Company. "The Countess." Tonight at 8:15. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:15 P. M. BASEBALL TODAY, 3:30 P. M.—Twenty-fourth and Vaughn sts. Portland vs. Los Angeles.

ELECT TEACHERS JUNE 15.—The annual election of teachers in the Portland City schools for the ensuing year will be held June 15. Teachers now in the employ of the city who desire a re-election, are requested to file their application with the City Superintendent on or before June 8. The board will be required to elect a number of new teachers this year to supply the vacancies which have occurred from resignations and dismissals and to provide for equipping new school that will be opened. Teachers whose services will be dispensed with will receive notice of the contemplated action at least a month before the end of the school year. This is an innovation. The purpose of this advance information is to give these instructors an opportunity to apply for positions elsewhere. It is rumored that a number of teachers will be dropped this year and the directors will arrange meeting during the next fortnight with the principals of the different schools and determine just what changes are considered necessary.

ENDOWMENT PROCEEDINGS.—Everywhere in the city today the children of the People's Institute the time of their lives today on the playground on the Plaza blocks, between Davis and Flinders streets. All day the institute workers will be on hand to care for the children who will be guests at the dedication. At 2 o'clock there will be a program with music and short talks by Mayor Lane and others. At 3 o'clock the baseball game between the "Oregon Eagles" and "The Badgers of the Golden West" will be called, and at the same hour the automobile parade, in charge of Harry Corbett and Walter Beebe will be formed in front of the institute building and proceed over the following route: South to Burnside, west to Washington, east to Fourth, south to Morrison, west to Fourteenth, east to Burnside, east to West Park and north to the Custom House.

CHRISTIAN ENDOWMENT RALLY.—A mass meeting and rally of all the Christian endowments in the city will be held at 6:15 o'clock tomorrow night at the First Presbyterian Church. Rev. B. H. Lingenfelter, of Seattle, is enthusiastic in his endeavor work, will make the address of the evening, taking for his subject, "Christian Endowment Conventions," and dwelling particularly on the Seattle convention. Special music has been arranged for. A mixed chorus of some 30 voices will help make the preliminary song service a success. Herman Clausen, will be one among the soloists. All the endowment societies of the city are invited to attend in a body or send delegates. It is important that every society in the city be well represented so that full particulars of the Seattle convention may be gained. Friends of the Endowment movement are cordially invited.

MASONS TO LAY CORNERSTONE.—The cornerstone of the new administration building and dormitory that is being erected on the grounds of the Oddfellows Home, near Kentwood, will be laid this morning under the auspices of the grand lodge of Masons. The ceremony will be conducted by Dr. W. W. Klamm, grand master of the grand lodge of Masons of Oregon, and past grand master of the state grand lodge of Oddfellows of this state. Richard Scott, grand master of the state grand lodge of Oddfellows, will deliver an address on "The Home." The new building will cost \$26,000, and will more than double the capacity of the home. Arrangements have been made for extra car service to the home and cars on the Woodstock-Waverly line will have the West Side every ten minutes between 9 and 10 o'clock.

HALL ASSOCIATION FORMED.—The Brooklyn Hall and Improvement Association has been organized with the following incorporators: A. Keenan, J. A. Klein and Judge George J. Cameron. Sufficient funds have been subscribed to purchase a lot on the corner of Powell and Mary streets. Arrangements have been made for a two-story frame building at a cost of about \$3000 as soon as sufficient amount of the stock has been taken. On the second floor will be located the home of the Brooklyn Republican and Improvement Club. There is no public hall in that part of the city.

VIOLATE SALMON LAW.—Through the activity of the Fish Warden, three alleged violators of the law that forbids the selling of salmon without a license were arrested yesterday morning by Deputy Constables of the Western Ward. Reid's court. S. H. Conrad, of 295 North Sixteenth street, was found guilty and was fined \$50. Johns Brothers, of 41 North Park street, and W. J. Westerman, of 230 North Sixteenth street, will be tried later.

BIG DINNER TO BARRITT.—Publicity of the proposed dinner to John Barrett on the evening of May 29, at the Commercial Club, resulted in considerably more responses than was expected on the short notice. Invitations of the Knights of Pythias yesterday afternoon resulted in 44 seats at the table, which with individual reservations brought the total up to 105. Mr. Barrett is a member of the local lodge of Knights.

POLICE INSPECTION TODAY.—At 11 o'clock this morning, Mayor Lane, the members of the police committee of the executive board and Chief of Police Westerman will inspect the entire police force at the Armory. Senior Captain John T. Moore will be in command of the force. After today the police will wear the Summer uniform and the new sergeants will be on duty.

BANK OPEN SATURDAY EVENINGS.—For the accommodation of depositors, the savings bank of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company, 240 Washington street, corner Second, is open on Saturday evenings from 5 till 8 o'clock.

FOR RENT.—Corner furnished six-room flat, modern, piano, rooms all face street, responsible tenants only, near 18th and Gisan streets; 14 Third street.

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CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Dr. Ely the pastor will preach tomorrow on "Hail the Gittite," and "The Temptation of Jesus."

SELLWOOD LOSES FIGHT.—Present indications are that the Sellwood Post-office will be consolidated with the Brooklyn substation July 1. In spite of the protest the people of Sellwood are making, D. M. Donough, president of the Sellwood Board of Trade, has received another letter from Senator Bourne accompanied with a communication from the Postoffice Department. In the latter it is announced that the change had been ordered, and that the order would not now be rescinded. While this seems to settle the matter, the protest with a largely signed remonstrance will be forwarded to the department, and a conference will be had with Superintendent Hall on his return to Portland in the hope that something may be done to block the consolidation. Mr. Donough says that he is quite sure the mail service will not be satisfactory under the change as the carriers will have to travel two or three miles before they reach Sellwood.

D'URBANO'S BRASS LOWEST.—It is probable that D'Urbano's band will furnish the music for the open-air concert in Portland parks this summer. At the meeting of the Park Board yesterday, D'Urbano's band submitted the lowest bid in an open competition. His offer was to give 25 concerts at \$24 a concert, a total of \$600. This is a record of \$4 each for each of the 25 members of the band and \$6 for the leader. J. H. Everest offered to give 25 concerts by 20 pieces, not including the leader, for a total of \$500. He will print 2000 Sunday programmes free. For these Everest wanted \$5 a concert. De Caprio also submitted a bid but as it was not accompanied by a special committee is irregular. The selection will probably be made at the next meeting of the Board.

DEATH OF WILLIAM LOEB.—William Loeb, a prominent front-street commission merchant, died at 11 o'clock last night, at the family residence, 72 1/2 March street. Mr. Loeb had been a resident of Portland for more than 20 years, coming here from Astoria. He was unmarried, and leaves a mother, Mrs. Nathan Loeb, with whom he lived, and three sisters and a brother. One sister is Mrs. N. G. Kaufman, of Bellingham, another is Mrs. L. L. Bhummental, of Tualuma, and the third is Mrs. W. Robinson of this city. His brother is Dr. S. Loeb, a practicing physician of the city. No funeral arrangements have been made.

PLANS FOR PARK AND BOULEVARDS.—An outline for the park and boulevard system that is proposed to lay out if the \$1,000,000-bond issue is authorized at the coming election was presented at the meeting of the Portland Park Board at its meeting yesterday. The scheme was drawn up by Dr. J. R. Wilson and J. Lang, acting as a special committee, and was adopted by the Board. It was prepared in consultation with members of the Initiative One Hundred and follows the plan of the park and boulevard system of other cities.

WOULD EXTER FAIR LIST.—Negotiations are being held between the Home Telephone Company and the Electrical Workers of this city, by which the telephone company may be taken from the unfair list. A special meeting of the Electrical Workers was held last night, preliminary to taking some action in adjusting the difference between the two interests, but a final decision will be reached in a few days.

LOCAL OPTION RALLY.—At Kentwood Presbyterian Church, East Thirty-sixth street and Gladstone avenue, there will be a local option rally tomorrow evening. In the interests of precinct 42, in which the question will be voted upon June election, Dr. G. L. Turf of the International Reform Bureau will deliver the address. He will undertake to prove that the liquor traffic is not a legitimate business but a crime and as such should be excluded at least from the residence precinct.

DEMAND FOR JAMESTOWN STAMPS.—Postmaster Minto yesterday announced that the demand for Jamestown postage stamps is much greater than was expected. A second issue of stamps will be ordered. The stamps are unusually attractive in appearance, and many people want them merely as souvenirs of the fair. The stamps are being bought for the practical purpose of carrying messages to friends and others. The stamps are printed in denominations of 1, 2 and 5 cents.

MAIL ROUTE TO EUREKA.—There is good prospect of having direct mail facilities established between Portland and Eureka, California, in the near future. The district tax collector, Montgomery A. Goff, has written to the Postmaster General, L. M. Davis, in detail the merits of the district street assessment plan, and strongly urged that the measure be adopted. The development of the city through the improvement of its streets was handicapped under the present laws. It was the opinion of the collector that water bonds and Madison-street bridge bonds should be supported.

THE GREAT NOW.—"An All-Abolishing Purpose," will be the subject of Rev. A. J. Polson at the First Congregational Church, Sunday morning and evening. Rev. Polson is the new superintendent of Home Missions for Oregon.

AT THE GREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Twelfth and Alder streets, the minister, William Hiram Foulkes will preach Sunday morning, 10:30 upon "Grace Abounding." At 7:30 P. M. upon "Christing the In-ward." Mr. Courben begins playing upon the organ at 7:30 P. M.

TO AVOID SPINAL MENINGITIS go to Professor Friedman's Turkish baths. Salt water treatment, 206 1/2 Alder street.

INTRASCHOOL TRACK and field meet at Multnomah field today, 1:30 P. M.

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NEW YORK, May 24.—(Special.)—Northwestern people at New York hotels: From Portland—E. M. Runyan at the Imperial.

From Seattle—C. W. Young at the Prince George; L. W. David, at the Hotel Astor.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 24.—(Special.)—William A. Taylor, chief of the pom-

AT THE THEATERS

By Arthur A. Green.

"MRS. WARREN'S PROFESSION." AT THE HELIX. Characters: Sir George Crofts, Lynn Pratt; Mr. Prasad, Richard Pitman; Rev. Samuel Gardner, Forrest Orr; Miss Vivie Warren, Lucille Stanford; Mrs. Warren, Rose Coghlan.

ROSE COGHLAN, supported by five others, one of whom is a tolerable actor, interpreted Bernard Shaw's latest and, to our hope, last disordered creation in the "play unpleasant" line in the presence of a large audience at The Helix last night.

There is no hard-and-fast rule for estimating the tastes of people. I was forced to the conclusion that some of my fellow-citizens actually prefer the odor of sewer gas. Else why do they applaud the unappealing sentimentality expressed by this brilliant but conscienceless literary charlatan? The word "brilliant" is used deliberately for Shaw has written much that may be thus described. Although "Mrs. Warren's Profession" must be exempted from the category, it is a masterpiece of literary excellence. In fact, the whole wretched business would be hopelessly stupid were it not for its vulgar atrocity. In writing it Bernard Shaw has evidently set up as the "Ibsen of the head." At no stage does it appeal to the intellect. Its sole purpose seems to be a pandering to the depravity. Its author takes the cover of the will-barrel and grins at his audience over the happy conceit of it.

It purports to be a bitter assault on the citadel of an unjust and tyrannical social structure and those who stand for it, whom he characterizes under two heads, philistines and moral cowards. It is not, however, even a reconnaissance in that direction. It is filled with the sound of talking, but no serious effort at argument is made. It purports to be nothing and succeeds most signally. There is little plot or path to the dialogue, and less wit. There is little or no dramatic quality, and certainly not an edifying or an entertaining moment. The sentiment which was most warmly applauded last night, shades of the devil only knows by whom, is Mrs. Warren's declaration: "Heaven help the world when everybody starts in to do right!" In the vernacular, can you beat that?

There are six characters only, one of whom, the daughter, is respectable. The others are either suddenly vicious or uninterestingly worthless. The one decent character is the Methodist minister, Mr. Gardner. Shaw's excuse for writing the play, if there can possibly be an excuse, is that the times are out of joint—ergo, we call in Mrs. Warren and her impossible daughter to jointly debate the situation. We don't invite Mrs. Warren to occupy two chairs in the faculty of our co-educational institutions for disseminating applied ethical culture. But according to Shaw we must bring our mothers and sisters to the theater to meet Mrs. Warren and hear her tell her scandalous story. And to make matters worse, he doesn't even shock us by being naughty. The piece is simply unavailing.

One must respect and admire the high motive of Ibsen, the sincerity of his protest. But there isn't a shred of sincerity in "Mrs. Warren's Profession." There are four acts, and when the last one is over one wonders what Shaw is driving at. Is he defending the ancient profession of his heroine? Is he crying out against the hypocrisy of society, or is he simply relating shady stories for the purpose of making sensitive people uncomfortable?

Miss Coghlan is an actress of established reputation, which will not be particularly enhanced, however, by her work in the case in point. There is very little in the play for Lynn Pratt, who plays Sir George Crofts, the business partner of Mrs. Warren, gives a capable performance. The part of Frank Gardner, the role in which Forrest Orr really starred, is badly played by Forrest Orr.

This much must be said for the play: The man who wrote it and the people who act it have courage and perhaps "nerve" were a better name for it. "Mrs. Warren's Profession" will be repeated tonight and tomorrow night. If the police department and other agencies probably will not do.

EXPLAINS DISTRICT PLAN

L. M. Davis Addresses the Multnomah Improvement Association.

The Multnomah Improvement Association held an important meeting last night at the corner of Maple Street and Shaver street. L. M. Davis presided. Mr. Davis explained in detail the merits of the district street assessment plan, and strongly urged that the measure be adopted. The development of the city through the improvement of its streets was handicapped under the present laws. It was the opinion of the collector that water bonds and Madison-street bridge bonds should be supported.

While the city is planning a number of expensive improvements, it was strongly urged that a rapidly growing prosperous city like Portland should have an extensive park and boulevard system. Other amendments were discussed. The district tax for the Montgomery A. Goff was of the opinion that since the adjoining property has doubled in value as a result, it was not fair that property not directly benefited should be burdened.

Nels Reed, of the City Engineer's office, said that it had been demonstrated that fills of this nature were superior to steel bridges. He considered a fill a benefit to the entire district. W. H. Payne and G. Gunderson urged that a strong effort be made to have the grade of the Portland boulevard lowered to correspond with that of Shaver street.

The following resolutions of condolence were passed: "Resolved, That this club extend to Dr. L. M. Davis and family our heartfelt sympathy and condolence in their sad bereavement in the loss of Dr. Davis' brother, R. M. Baker, in Mexico.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos S. Nuna announce the bar mitzva of their younger son, Sanford Elliot, at Temple Beth Israel today.

A. V. McCarthy, cattle buyer for the Carstens Packing Company, of Tacoma, is in the city after an extended trip to California.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Davis left last Thursday for a brief trip East. They will visit some of the principal Eastern cities, including a short sojourn at Jamestown, and will return to Portland the latter part of June.

Mrs. J. M. Laberteaux left for Salt Lake City Wednesday evening, called by the sudden death of her brother, Judge James A. Miner, one of Utah's most prominent men. Judge Miner was an uncle of Mrs. I. D. Peters.

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