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AMUSEMENTS.

HEILIG THEATER (14th and Washington streets)—Tonight at 8:15 o'clock, Max Figman, in the comedy, "The Man on the Box" MARQUAM GRAND (Morrison street, be-tween Stath and Seventh)—San Francisco Opera Company in "The Toymaker." To-night at 8:15.

BAKER THEATER (Third, between Tam-hill and Taylor)—Baker Theater Company in "The Midnight Bell." Tonight at 8:15.

EMPIRE THEATER (Twelfth and Morri-son)—"Why Girls Leave Home." Tonight at 8:15.

GRAND THEATER (Washington, between Park and Seventh)—Vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M. PANTAGES THEATER (Fourth and Stark)
—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30, 9 P. M.

LYRIG THEATER (Seventh and Alder)—
The Allen Stock Company in "Cinderella."
Tonight at S:15, Matiness Tuesday,
Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 2:15
P. M.

STAR THEATER (Park and Washington)—
The French Stock Company in "Queen of
the White Slaves." Tonight at 8:15;
matines Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday
at 2:15 P. M.

GIVE PRISONERS CLOTHING. - Liberal donations of warm clothing for the prisoners at Kelly Butte were made yes-terday morning, at Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, and in the afternoon terday morning, at Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, and in the afternoon the clothing was taken out to the prisoners in a wagon by Rev. Clarence True Wilson and the committee in charge, for distribution. At the prison, services were conducted by Dr. Wilson and the Tenth Legion. The prisoners appreciate the services Centenary Church maintains there every Sunday, and the donations of clothing was very opportune at this time. Many of the prisoners convicted for the first time are out of clothing. These are fitted out and already many have been provided with employment after their discharge. Dr. Wilson and his co-workers in Centenary Church feel that they can do no more effective work than to help restore at least some of these prisoners, who have not become confirmed in careers of crime, and they are satisfied with the results that they have already secured. Have decided to persue our usual custom of reducing in price the highest to

tom of reducing in price the highest grades of wines and liquors in order to afford the poor, as well as the rich, opportunity to purchase almost at cost during the holidays only: Hundreds of cases of the finest wines of Europe, direct importation, cleared through Portland Importation, cleared through Portland Custom-House, will be disposed of during the holidays, at almost cost. Prices: Italian sparkling Burgundy, \$1.10; Imported Chianti, 60c; Imported sparkling Muscatt, 75c; French Green Seal sparkling Burgundy. 45c; St. Juelian Short Muscatt, 75c; French Green Seal sparking Burgundy. 45c; St. Juellan Short Larose Chateau Margaux. 90c; Rhine Wine also large quantity of Mumm's Extra Dry, Claquat, Pomery Sec. 31; Sour Scotch Whiskey, etc. Arata Bros., 69 Sixth street; phones: M. 2531; A 2531; S. A. Arata & Co., 104 Third street, M. 480.

LITTLE IMPROVEMENT NOTICED. little improvement was noticed yesterday in the condition of Jacob Kamm, the aged and wealthy ploneer, who was seriously injured last Thursday by being run down by a reckless bicycle rider. He spent a very reatless night Saturday, but toward very restless night Saturday, but toward night yesterday he seemed to be resting easily, and his relatives were not alarmed at his condition. Dr. George F. Wilson and Dr. H. F. Leonard, the latter an osteopath, were in consultation yesterday and neither expressed alarm over the condition of their patient, whom they believe to be doing as well as can be expected in view of his advanced age. Mr. Kamm is nearly 76 years of age, and has spent the greater part of his life in Portland.

Fineral of John DeBoest.—The fu-

Portland.

Funeral of John DeBoest, a pioneer resident, was held yesterday and the interment was at Lone Fir Cemetery. Rev. J. D. Corby conducted the services at Holman's undertaking chapel, and the Improved Order of Red Men conducted the rites at the grave. Mr. DeBoest had been a resident of Portland for about 40 been a resident of Portland for about 4

Years.

German Delegates Meet.—Delegates from the various German societies of Portiand will meet tonight in the office of Charles J. Schnabel to consider the by-laws that will be submitted by the miltee appointed at a former meeting, er this consideration the laws will n be submitted to the societies for their approval or disapproval.

ONE SALOONMAN CAUGHT .- Only one effort was made yesterday to evade the Sunday-closing law, at least only one malconman was caught in the act. He was John Larsen, and was found selling liquor to a customer at Sixth and Flanders streets. Patrolman Harms made the arrest.

JOSEPH BUCHTEL IMPROVES. - Joseph Buchtel, who has been confined to his home, at East Second and Hoyt streets, for the past two weeks, is improving rapidly and expects to be at his place of business today. He has been suffering

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T. P. A. Banquet Saturday Night.— The annual banquet and business meeting of the Travelers' Protective Association will be held at the Portland Hotel next Saturday night, December 28, not next Sunday night, as was announced through an error in dates. GIFT THINGS! GILL'S.

At the Theaters

What the Press Agents Say.

MAX FIGMAN AGAIN TONIGHT Distinguished Comedian Will Pre-

sent Delightful Comedy at Heilig. The attraction at the Hellig Theater Fourteenth and Washington streets, tonight, Tuesday and Xmas night will be the distinguished comedian, Max Figman, and his excellent company in the delightful comedy. The Man on the Box." This favorite comedian has appeared in this city many times and has always scored a decided hit. The company and production this season is equally as good as last year, which is readily understood when it is known that Mr. John Cort is presenting Mr. Figman. A special price matines will be given Xmas afternoon. Seats are selling for the engagement. Fourteenth and Washington streets, tonight

MARQUAM'S BIGGEST SUCCESS

The San Francisco Opera Company

Makes Hit in "The Toymaker." There is a drawing card at the Marquar this week that beats the whole deck. this week that bears the whole deck. The San Francisco Opera Company is very popular here, but it has never appeared to such advantage as in "The Toymaker," with which it opened the week resterday. The music, comedy, staging and costumes are far and away the best that the company has ever offered here. Daphne Pollard, as the doll, is perfectly fascinating. George Kunkel as the maker of love fairly excels. Kunkel as the maker of toys fairly excels his past humorous efforts, while Arthur Cunningham sings some of the best songs that have ever failen to his lot. There will be a special Christmas matines.

CHRISTMAS MATINEE AT BAKER

Hoyt's "A Midnight Bell" Is Well Chosen for Holiday Week.

There will be the ideal Christmas of anow and ice, and good old fashloned New England Winter scenes at the Baker, for Goyt's "A Midnight Bell" was reserved especially. As is well known, it is a comedy and deals with life in a Northern New England village—in just such a land as Santa Claus is supposed to come from William Dills as Deacon Tidd, and Howard Russell as the mischievous boy Martin Tripp, will furnish worlds of amusement for everyone, especially the children. Matinees Christmas Day and Saturday.

Wednesday Matinee at Empire.

"Why Girls Leave Home" is the attractive title of the new E. J. Carpenter melodrama, which opened at the Empire to packed houses yesterday for holiday week. It is full of startling surprises and novel and exciting scenes, and appeals strongly to the women of the audiences. It deals with a question that has caused many a heartache. There will be Christmas day and Saturday matinees.

Lyric Matinee Today.

Every day this week, including Christmas there will be a matine at the Lyric, at which the Allen Stock Company will present the beautiful fairy-story play "Cir derella," with Verna Felton in the titl part, and all the familiar characters of the famous story, including the two ugly sisters, the wicked Baroness and the Witch. It will be an ideal Christmas attraction and a genuine treat for the children. Every night during the week commencing tonight "The Man From Mexico," with Forrest Scabury in the leading part, will be presented.

"Queen of the White Slaves."

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Seat Sale Tomorrow for Ralph Stuart in "Strongheart."

Tomorrow (Tuesday) morning, at 10 o'clock at the box office of the Heilig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, the advance seat sale will open for one of Portland's most favorite actors, Raiph Stuart. This clever actor will present the interesting college play, "Strongheart," at the above theater next Thursday, Friday, Saturday nights, December 26, 27, 28. Mr. Stuart is under the management of Henry B. Harris, who recently gave Portland theatergoers "The Lion and the Mouse." A special price matines will be given Saturday.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS

Grand's Christmas Vaudeville.

This week Sullivan & Considing have sen This week Sullivan & Considine have sent a great vaudeville show to the Grand and it will be seen for the first time this afternoon. The headilner is Harry Crandall & Company in "Fun in a Grocery." This is a genuine comedy act, which has made good along the circuit. The special added attraction is the Herzog horses, which were a sensation at the New York Hippodrome a few months ago. Among other acts will be Carl Herbert, magician; Sa Van and Hill, comedy acrobats; Mack and Dougal, in a sketch and Flora Downing, singing comedienne.

Christmas Week at Pantages.

The special Christmas bill at Pantages Theater, opening today, is one of the best acts throughout. The famous Shedman pack of 20 trained dogs takes first place on the programme, and this novel feature is the season's treat for children. Older people, too, will enjoy the antics of this unique pack of dogs. The list of supplementary attractions includes: The Four Frank's in "A Mixed Affair"; Ray Fern, premier monologist; the Sawadas, foot postering; West and Benton, artistic singing and dancing; Fred Bauer, tenor; the biograph, Pantages' exclusive motion pictures.

FORTUNE IN HIDING

McCormick Heirs Are Hunting \$200,000 in Bay City.

DIES WITH SECRET UNTOLD

Eccentric Man of Wealth Expires Before He Can Make Explanation of Where He Hoarded Valuable Securities.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—(Special.) Hidden away in safe deposit vaults and in banks in San Francisco there is at least \$200,000 for which a search has been made for more than a year by the relatives of the late John Alexander McCormick, former proprietor of the McCormich Chemical Company, one of the largest on the Pacific Coast.

med Chemical Company, one of the largest on the Pacific Coast.

McCormick died in San Francisco in November, 1996. Since that time his widow and son, his sister, Mrs. Mary Doyle, of San Mateo, to whom the bulk of the property is supposed to have been left, and his brother, William McCormick, have been trying to locate his bank books. and his brother, William McCormick, have been trying to locate his bank books and the large blocks of Government bonds he was known to possess. The case will come up in court Friday, and the attorneys for the heirs inaugurated a systematic campaign today in the final effort to locate the property.

The soarch has led the attorneys into a maze of mysteries which indicate that McCormick made every effort to keep secret the location of his fortune. On his death bed he attempted to reveal its place of concealment to his relatives, but offere he had concluded his tale he lapsed

fore he had concluded his tale he lapsed into unconsciousness and death left the into unconsciousness and death left ine mystery unsolved. The search for the fortune has led the attorneys into a bewildering labyrinth, involving a deaf and dumb notary, a half dozen aliases, and strangest of all, another McCormick estate, also surrounded by a mystery, which bears no relation to that in question

The search is being prosecuted especially on behalf of Mrs. Mary Doyle, McCormick's sister and favorite relative, to whom the bulk of the fortune was lert. Mrs. Doyle is the wife of a business man

Mrs. Doyle is the wife of a business man of SanMateo. She has learned positively that the estate left by her brother amounted to almost \$250,000.

McCormick hid his fortune in this mysterious manner so that his divorced wife could not get it from him. He intended to divulge the secret before death, but a sudden attack of appendicitis carried him away before he could tell his secret.

MISSING AFTER THE FIRE

Two Men Believed to Have Perished at Fort Smith.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Dec. 22.—Fire at 2 o'clock this morning destroyed the Haglin six-story office building, the American building and two other structures. Loss, \$175,000. J. A. McVittie, a spot cotton buyer, and a man named Kauffman, who slept in the Haglin building, are missing, and are believed to have perished.

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