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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, between Sixth and Seventh)—San Francisco Opera Company in "The Toy Maker." Tonight at 8:15. BAKER THEATER (Third, between Yamhill and Taylor)—Baker Theater Company in "The Midnight Bell." Tonight at 8:15. EMPIRE THEATER (Twelfth and Morrison)—"Why Girls Leave Home." Tonight at 8:15. GRAND THEATER (Washington, between Park and Seventh)—Vanderbilt, 7:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M. PANTAGES THEATER (Fourth and Stark)—Continous vaudeville, 7:30, 7:30, 9 P. M. LYRIC THEATER (Seventh and Alder)—The Allen Stock Company in "Cinderella." Tonight at 8:15. Matinee 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; matinee 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 yesterday morning by the 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 of the church, maintaining 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 to at least some of these prisoners, who have not become confirmed in careers of crime, and they are satisfied with the results that have already secured.

HAVE DECIDED TO PURSUE OUR USUAL custom 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 and ready for shipment, will be disposed of during the holidays, at almost cost. Prices: Italian sparkling Burgundy, \$1.90; Imported Chianti, \$2.00; Imported sparkling Muscat, \$2.00; French Green Seal sparkling Burgundy, 45c; St. Julien Short Larose Chateau Margaux, 90c; Rhine Wine also large quantity of Mumm's Extra Dry, Chateau, Pomey, Sec. 1; Sour Scotch Whiskey, etc. Arata Bros., 69 Third street; phone: M. 2531; A. 2531; S. A. Arata & Co., 104 Third street, M. 480.

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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.

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