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AMUSEMENTS.

HELLIG THEATER (14th and Washington streets)—Tonight at 8:15 o'clock, the political drama, "The Man of the Hour." MARQUAM GRAND (Marquam street, between Sixth and Seventh)—The musical comedy, "A \$10,000 Beauty." Tonight at 8:15. BAKER THEATER (Third, between Yamhill and Taylor)—Baker Theater Company in "The Other Girl." Tonight at 8:15. EMPIRE THEATER (Twelfth and Morrison)—"A Texas Outlaw." Tonight at 8:15. GRAND THEATER (Washington, between Park and Seventh)—Audience, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M. FANTASIE THEATER (Fourth and Stark)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M. LYRIC THEATER (Seventh and Alder)—The Allen Stock Company in "The Land of the Midnight Sun." 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 "The Whitecaps." Tonight at 8:15. Matinee Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday at 2:15 P. M.

CLUB MEETINGS THIS WEEK.—Tonight the Sellwood Board of Trade will consider the question of sewerage. Engineer Gilmore has been employed by the board to prepare a sewer system, and is expected to make a report tonight. At 7:30 a mass meeting will be held in Davis' Hall to discuss annexation to Portland. Tomorrow night the United East Side Public Clubs will hold its first meeting of 1908 in the Sargent, corner Grand and Hawthorne avenues. Tom Richardson, manager of the Commercial Club, W. L. Crisley, secretary of the Oregon State Dairy Association; County Judge Webster, Mayor Lane and others are expected to be present. Wednesday night the Multnomah Improvement Board, 23rd and 24th streets, will hold its first meeting of 1908 in the Waverly-Richmond Improvement Association meets. The same night the Initiative and Referendum League will meet in the hall on East Pine street and Grand avenue. Tonight a joint meeting of the Mount Tabor Push Club and the Center Addition Improvement Association will be held at the Woodmen Hall on West avenue to take up the matter of fire protection. The North East Side Improvement Association will meet next Friday night to consider a special election to vote on bridge bonds. Thursday night the Brooklyn Republican and Improvement Club will meet to hear reports on the East Sixth street across Stephens slough.

RECEPTION TO FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE.—Miss Florence Bullenbeck gave a reception to the Fellowship Circle Saturday evening in the Woodland, Sixth and Madison streets. The large company was given a musical treat in a number of piano selections of Mrs. Marie Wigham and Miss P. J. Green. Miss Durkee sang a Fellowship hymn, and Mr. William Lal, a Chinese-American, delighted everybody with several songs. His exquisite rendering of love songs was much appreciated. Mr. Hague gave a humorous reading; Mr. C. C. Chapman, a number of passages from "Macbeth," and Mrs. C. B. Colby read a Fellowship story, "The Carpenter and the Goldsmith," from Zona Gale's new book, "The Loves of Pelican and Elvira." Miss Bullenbeck, an admirable hostess, in which she was assisted by a number of her young friends. SPECIAL SERVICES THIS WEEK.—Rev. Daniel T. Thomas, pastor of the Mississippi-Avenue Congregational Church, began special services in that church yesterday, assisted by Rev. Cephas Clapp, formerly superintendent of the Oregon Home Missionary Society. Meetings will be held every night except Saturdays. A large choir will provide music and will be supplemented by an orchestra. Mr. Thomas was formerly connected with Dr. Wilbur H. Chapman's evangelists and is a fine singer. DEATH OF MRS. MARY SIMMONS.—Mrs. Mary Simmons, wife of H. C. Simmons, died at her home, 811 East Twenty-ninth street, South, Saturday night at the age of 51 years. She is survived by her husband and the following children: Mrs. Alice M. Brown, Mrs. Ida Day, Miss Lou Simmons, and Hubert Simmons, all of this city. She had been a resident of Oregon 25 years and of Portland 27 years. The funeral will be held from the family residence tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

PLANS FOR NEW CHURCH.—The building committee of the Forbes Presbyterian Church, Albina, has adopted plans for its structure to be erected on the site of the one that was destroyed. These plans will be submitted to a congregational meeting of the church next Thursday night. Cost of the new building will be about \$2000. It will be of frame construction, higher than the old structure to admit of a gallery being built in. The Sunday school room will be 20x30 feet in size. CHURCH Closes PROSPEROUS YEAR.—The Millard-Avenue Presbyterian Church, Rev. A. D. Soper, pastor, has just closed a prosperous year, the membership having increased more than doubled. The following men's committees were appointed for the ensuing year: Fraternity and entertainment, hymn books and supplies. The ladies' committees are: Social, church visitation, and church decoration.

FIRE IN COTTAGE BASEMENT.—Fire broke out in the basement of the cottage owned and occupied by Mrs. Blanch Cushing, 285 Ross street, yesterday at noon. Engine Company No. 12, the new company at Grand avenue and Multnomah street, made its first run to the fire, and extinguished it without trouble. The loss was about \$20. MOVES TO MOUNT SCOTT.—Professor W. A. Wash, of Dallas, Ore., has moved to the Mount Scott district. He was once the owner of the Dallas Itemizer and 20 years ago was principal of the Williams-avenue school. Professor Wash owns property in Tremont, which he will have cleared preparatory to erecting a home.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S CLUB.—"The Relation of the Church to Politics" is the subject Rev. J. R. Wilson, D. D., will introduce for discussion at the monthly meeting of the Men's League at Calvary Presbyterian Church tonight. The meeting opens at 7:45 P. M. All members and friends will be made welcome. RABBI WISE TO LECTURE.—Rabbi Jonah B. Wise will lecture tomorrow night in the Sellwood Presbyterian Church on the subject, "The Jew of the Middle Ages as the Custodian of the Middle Ages." Admission will be free to all.

"MODERN SCIENTIFIC WONDERS AND WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY" by W. J. Clarke, famous electrical engineer of New York at Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, Tuesday evening, January 14. TITLE GUARANTEE & TRUST COMPANY accounts exchanged at 333 Broadway, A. & M. Delvoage, 289 Washington street, between Third and Fourth. DR. E. C. BROWN, EYE, EAR, MARQUAM. JOHN CRAN, Swedish bldg., illness, hke.

FOWLER CURRENCY BILL Portland Business Man Strongly Writes in Its Favor. PORTLAND, Jan. 11.—(To the Editor)—I observe that the Oregonian has favored why inclined toward the Fowler currency bill. As usual, I believe that the Oregonian is in the right on the financial question. The section of the Fowler bill which creates a sinking fund to guarantee the deposits of all National banks is certainly a splendid feature

and one which will tend very largely to eradicate panic. The clause in the bill which permits the taking of currency equal to the capital stock of the bank in time when there is a stringency in the money market also appeals very strongly to my judgment. I presume that some private or state banks may possibly raise objections, but how easy and cheap it will be for private banks to nationalize. The first requisite of any bill should be to absolutely guarantee all deposits, so that the widows and laboring men cannot possibly lose the money that they have laboriously saved for the rainy day.

I highly approve of the cartoons in The Oregonian this morning which showed the "rotten" decisions in both the Schmitz and wife-bearing cases. This note is only intended to show our appreciation of the wise course The Oregonian is advocating. H. G. THOMPSON.

At the Theaters

What the Press Agents Say.

"THE MAN OF THE HOUR"

Much Talked-About Play at Hellig Tonight and Remainder of Week.

At Hellig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, tonight and all week, with special-price matinees Wednesday and Saturday, William A. Brady and Joseph R. Griener's production of George Broadhurst's new play, "The Man of the Hour," will be the attraction. While George Broadhurst, the playwright, is taken for his theme certain conditions which exist in every large city, still there is said to be interwoven in "The Man of the Hour" a delightful love story. The plot, in brief, concerns a young millionaire who has been refused by his sweetheart because he has "done nothing worthy." He then enters politics and is elected Mayor of his city.

"DOOMSDAY"; "10,000 BEAUTY"

Combination of Attractions at the Marquam Tonight.

One of the most unique and attractive musical shows that has ever visited Portland is the Lewis and Lake production of the musical cocktail "A \$10,000 Beauty," introducing the added attraction "Doomsday." This, in brief, concerns a young man, the chorus clever with their voices and their feet and the costumes and scenery very fine. You can't beat the Marquam show this week for first-class, clean amusement. Matinee Wednesday.

"THE OTHER GIRL" AT BAKER

Augustus Thomas' Comedy an Instantaneous Success.

Augustus Thomas has written many of the greatest successes of the time, but in the strictly comedy class his "The Other Girl," which is being produced for the first time in Portland at the Baker this week, is the best thing he ever did. It is original in theme, striking in character and filled to the brim with action, climax after climax following each other in rapid succession.

"A Texas Outlaw" at the Empire.

Two big audiences saw "The Texas Outlaw," which opened for the week at the Empire yesterday afternoon and last night, and in the way of thrills and excitement certainly got their money's worth. The Ekshard Company, which is presenting the piece, is composed of melodramatic people of wide experience and ability, and they made the scenes and characters extremely realistic.

"The White Caps."

"The White Caps," the play at the Star Theater this week, is founded on the famous Goebel murder in Kentucky and the night riders, who are now terrorizing the state. It is one of the best melodramas that the French stock company has given during its engagement in this city. The play gives a better insight into conditions in Kentucky today than even the press discussion. Matinee Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

"The Land of the Midnight Sun."

An extraordinary offering will be presented by the Allen stock company for this week, commencing tonight, when Hall Gaine's tremendous drama of Icelandic life, "The Land of the Midnight Sun," will commence a week's run. The play is a dramatization of the famous novel "The Bondsmen" which is presenting at the Princess Theater, New York, and at the Garrick Theater, Chicago, for over 300 nights.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"Brown of Harvard" at the Hellig Next Sunday Night.

Beginning next Sunday night, January 19, and continuing Monday and Tuesday nights with matinees Tuesday, Henry Miller will present the clever young star, Henry Woodruff, and an excellent supporting company in the intensely interesting college play, "Brown of Harvard." Practically the same cast and production will be seen here that was used in this famous play at the Princess Theater, New York, and at the Garrick Theater, Chicago, for over 300 nights.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS

Grand's Many Specials.

At the Grand there are many specials this week in vaudeville. The headline act will be Amos and Howard Hamard and his famous troupe of Arab acrobats. Lazale Evans and Joseph M. Wood in his "Surprise Party" introduces six boys and girls. "For Peace or War" is a new and original vaudeville act, which shows the American fleet under "Fighting Bob" Evans leaving the Atlantic for the Pacific. It is the biggest of big vaudeville shows.

Biggest Show of All.

The two biggest features ever presented on one bill in Portland will lead the new week's show at Hamard and his famous troupe are the Miskoff troupe of Russian dancers and Frank Hall, the English lion-tamer, with the ferocious lion Wallace. Most of other good acts, including Marie Stuart Dodd, violinist; Jolly Tebb, comedy star; Charles Lewis, acrobats, gymnasts, and Wilson and Rich, clever singers and dancers.

T. M. A. BENEFIT TOMORROW

Annual Event in the Afternoon at the Marquam.

Nearly everybody knows something about the big Theatrical Mechanics' Association benefit which the theatrical people from every theater in the city will give at the Marquam Grand tomorrow afternoon. It is the one annual affair given by the Theatrical Mechanics' Association, the local Portland branch of the National association, and the program will be composed of the best vaudeville acts chosen from all the theaters as well as dramatic, musical and an exhibition of stage setting. The famous Florodora Sextet will be given by the Lewis & Lake Company, an act from "The Man of the Hour" and numbers by members of the Baker Theater Company. A grand orchestra of all the musicians from the theaters. Tickets for sale at all the box offices in the city.

Ask Gresham for Franchises.

The Mount Hood Railway Company and the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company are asking for 2-year franchises from Gresham's City Council. The latter company asks for electric light and

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power privileges in Gresham. Both franchises went over until next Thursday night. The town will ask concessions from both companies in return for the franchises.

THEATER FOR EAST SIDE

Capitalists Interested With John F. Cordray Revive the Scheme.

John F. Cordray, the well-known theatrical manager, is expected to return to Portland soon to supervise the drafting of plans for converting the Holman building, on the northeast corner of Grand avenue and East Washington street, into a modern playhouse. Arrangements were made some time ago by which this building was to have been secured for this purpose and the alterations would have been under way by this time had not the financial flurry caused a postponement. It is now proposed to take up the matter again. The capitalists interested, among whom are J. M. Healy and W. L. Morgan, have decided to rush the work. Nothing can be done, however, until Mr. Cordray returns and gives advice as to remodeling the Holman building, his practical experience being essential.

The Holman brick is 50x70 feet in size and three stories high. It is proposed to extend the building so it will be 100 feet long on East Washington street and front 50 feet on Grand avenue. It will be necessary to remodel the whole building to convert it into a theater. It is estimated that the work will cost \$25,000. The building when converted will seat practically as many people as the Marquam Grand. The location is considered ideal, being nearly half way between East Morrison and East Burnside streets on Grand avenue, within easy reach of all car lines in Portland.

How soon Mr. Cordray will return is not yet known, but probably some time during the present month. Those interested in the theater decided Saturday to proceed with the enterprise, and Manager Cordray has been notified.

HELP FOR UNEMPLOYED

Associated Charities Again Makes Appeal for Subscriptions.

PORTLAND, Jan. 12.—(To the Editor)—The Associated Charities' editor, "A Simple Solution," allows me to add suggestions as to the difficulty of applying the remedy. The Associated Charities, from 20 years' experience, is skilled in finding work, but it cannot now find even country work for all its men. Let the city of Portland, living wage offer itself and the men are ready or will be ready to accept. This should be made as public as possible, for we have hundreds of men, some with families, who need work. We also need money. In 1893-4, when a similar condition prevailed amongst working men, our subscribers cheerfully doubled their subscriptions; but this year, there is apparent in many quarters a strong disposition to adopt the policy of each man take care of himself and the devil take the hindmost, and to economize by cutting off charities. Now, as has been well said, the impulse in hard times to economize by cutting off charities is, in its essence, exactly the same impulse that a strong man has in a sinking ship—to make a rash for the life-boats, trampling over women and children on the way. It is unselfish and comfort for oneself at any cost, and should be strongly resented.

I think, however, that the difference in 1894 and the present time is due largely to the fact that in 1894 the City Board of Charities, being new to the work, forced to allow the men to roam the streets in hungry misery, and this brought the situation clearly before the eyes of the people. This year, everything has been done from the beginning. Knowing what was coming, every possible preparation was made in advance. All possible reserves were called in and the very perfection of the work has prevented the public from appreciating its seriousness—but, it is serious.

For years past, laborers have been brought by trainloads into this Northwest country. Two months ago they were discharged en masse and about 35,000 ordinary laborers at the beginning of a hard winter were thrown out of employment. Many Portlanders pay only the natural penalty of her metropolitan position in having them drift to her for help.

In considering this attitude of a portion of the business public, the older part in connection with it is that our business men are more scared than hurt. The idea isn't sinking and has hardly been "rattled." All of our financial institutions are declaring their usual dividend.

For the first time in its official life, the Associated Charities has been lately again and again advised to be "hard-hearted." Let it be understood once for all that it refuses to be hard-hearted or to share a single dollar that it deems necessary to expend for the best interests of its unfortunate dependents. It is rapidly using up its little reserves, and has had to call on the city and no pull on public funds. It depends entirely on private subscriptions. It will go on spending to its last dollar, getting work for men and help for the helpless, but there will be no frozen funds. When its last dollar is gone, it will stop.

THOMAS N. STRONG, President Associated Charities.

St. John Recorder Reports.

Recorder Esson, of St. John, has submitted the following financial report for the period beginning October 1, 1907, and ending January 1, 1908: Cash on hand October 1, 1907, \$25,000; receipts, \$12,000; disbursements, \$2,948.88; balance on hand, \$34,051.12.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Hy Eilers left for Seattle and Spokane yesterday.

J. E. McCoy, a Salem contractor, was at the Perkins yesterday.

T. A. Livesley, a prominent hop dealer of Salem, was at the Oregon yesterday.

H. R. Kincaid, ex-Secretary of State, is registered at the Imperial from his home at Eugene.

O. H. Nestos, of Spokane, secretary of the Northwest Retail Harness and Saddlery Manufacturers' Association, is State Representative and Mrs. W. N. Barret, of Hillsboro, Washington Manufacturers' Association. Mr. Lampert is registered at the Perkins.

E. S. Lamport, of Salem, is in the city to attend the annual meeting of the Northwest Retail Harness & Saddlery Manufacturers' Association. Mr. Lampert is registered at the Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bridges, of Myrtle Point, were registered at the Imperial yesterday. Mr. Bridges was formerly a member of the Oregon Legislature, subsequently serving a term as Register of the Roseburg Land Office, registered at the Oregon.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The following Northwest people registered at New York hotels today: From Portland—A. B. Steinbach, at the Savoy. From Seattle—G. H. Broucher and wife at the Breslin; F. D. Crook, at the Gregorian. From Port Angeles, Wash.—J. Kildall, at the Albany. Tacoma—L. C. Dennis, at the Victoria.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—(Special.)—W. E. Garness, of Portland, registered at the Auditorium Annex today.

LAST "SPECIAL" IS OUT

Police Chief Strips W. C. Morgan of His Star.

William C. Morgan, the city's last remaining special policeman, at the request of Chief of Police Gritzmacher, has turned in his keys and star to the head of the department and will no longer be recognized as a special. One morning last week, Patrolman Barzee, who walks a beat covering the same territory as that patrolled by Morgan, came upon the latter lying in the gutter on Sixth street, and on investigating found that he was drunk. Barzee took the intoxicated officer home, then reported the matter to Chief Gritzmacher, with the result that Morgan was called upon to turn in his tools.

Morgan was once Chief of Police of East Portland before that section of the city was annexed to Portland.

MUST LEAVE WEDNESDAY

My pianos that I have advertised in this paper on page 12, must all be sold by Wednesday afternoon. I have orders to leave for New York on the Northern Pacific train that day.

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