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AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAM GRAND. Morrison street, between Sixth and Seventh. "Way Down East" tonight at 8. JAKER THEATER. Third, between Yamhill and Taylor. "Baker Theater Company." "The Millionaire's Daughter." Tonight at 8:15. EMPIRE THEATER. Twelfth and Morrison. "Big-Hearted Jim." Tonight at 8:15 o'clock.

GRAND THEATER.

GRAND THEATER. (Washington, between Park and Seventh). "Vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M." PANTAGES THEATER. (Fourth and Stark). "Continental vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M." LYRIC THEATER. (Seventh and Adams). "The Alien Stock Company." "The Comedy of Wyoming." Tonight at 8:15. Morrison Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 8:15 P. M.

STAIR THEATER.

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SELECT NEW CHURCH OFFICE.

At the annual meeting of the congregation of the First Universalist Church of Good Tidings, East Eighth and Couch streets, Monday night, the trustees were authorized by vote to secure plans and estimates of the cost of a new church edifice. The trustees were instructed to report back to the congregation as soon as the plans are ready. At this meeting, the first held since Rev. James B. Corby arrived to take the pastorate, the report of the treasurer, Arthur E. Davis, showed all bills paid, including some old obligations, and a balance on hand. Mrs. L. F. O'Connor, for the Ladies Aid Society, reported that the year just closed was the best in the history of the church. Mr. Corby also submitted his report. The congregation commended the pastor for the work of the year. Following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. Thomas Darling; vice-president, C. W. Tracy; secretary, Roy Duncan; treasurer, Elmer Pease; member of the advisory committee, E. L. Ferguson.

MAT PURCHASE MILWAUKEE PLANT.

Frank Perkins, who was added to the rock-crusher committee at the meeting of the United States Trust Co. of New York, Monday night, proposed that the city purchase the rock crusher plant and quarry located just southwest of Milwaukie on the Willamette River. This plant, says Perkins, could be operated without delay and the long wait to secure machinery and a quarry and then install it would be avoided. Mr. Perkins differs with Mayor Lane, who says there is no rock near Portland, and declares that the rock at Milwaukie is first-class and superior to that coming from Estacada. All the quarry property on the Willamette River is a high bluff. Mr. Perkins called special attention to the facilities for handling rock from the Milwaukie quarry, which, he said, can be brought to the city for disposal by both water and railway. The Milwaukie plant is in the hands of a receiver, and Mr. Perkins says it can be had for a reasonable figure.

W. C. T. U. WEDNESDAY TEA.

U. W. Bodley, evangelistic superintendent, conducted an evangelistic institute at the usual meeting yesterday afternoon. After a selection from the Pentecost century Bible read by Mrs. C. R. Moody, Mrs. E. Delgelsch opened the conference by a talk on evangelism, showing how it touches all the other departments. After a solo, "If I Were a Voice," very beautifully sung by Mrs. Woodworth, Rev. Mrs. C. U. Blouhard gave an interesting address on the "Need of Evangelistic Work," speaking of the needs of the work and what women could accomplish. "Our Call to the Work" was considered by Mrs. M. J. Hadden, who emphasized the need of putting belief into daily practice. Mrs. Christian spoke of the success followed by the carrying out of their principles. Mrs. E. H. Roper concluded the institute with appropriate remarks. Three men members were received. Next week will be the monthly social tea.

SIGNS HELD FOR BURGLARY.

Charles D. Sligh, accused of being implicated with four young toughs in the robbery of several residences in Portland, was locked up in the City Jail yesterday for trial, having been brought back from Seaside, Wash., where he went to visit his mother. The fellow went to Seaside after being ordered out of town by Judge Cameron a month ago, following his arrest as a suspicious character. It was after he had gone that evidence was secured implicating him with four young fellows now held as burglars. Sligh, an ex-convict, is said to have instructed the quartet in crime. He will be given a preliminary examination today. A married woman who has interested herself in the fellow and who received a letter from him as a present, has been summoned as a witness in the case.

PARK FOR SCHUB.

A seven-acre tract has been donated by the owners of Rose City Park addition on the Sandy road for a public park, and has been placed in the care of the Rose City Improvement League. Yesterday the league put men to work clearing and grubbing this tract, which is located between Adams street and Rose City boulevard, or Sandy road. The park tract will be cleared, avenues created and seats provided for the public. The league is also looking for a denomination to build a church in the addition, and assurances are given that a site for a church building will be donated for the purpose. The site of the Sandy road will be changed to Rose City boulevard by the County Court in the near future.

WILL JOIN KENILWORTH CLUB.

Several of the leading members and officers of the Woodstock Club will be present to join the Kenilworth Improvement Association next Monday night. Lack of interest and support on the part of the people of Woodstock have led them to take this step. The officers of the Woodstock Club say that while the people generally like to have the club boost the neighborhood, they leave the few to do the boosting.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO AGED MAN.

William Donlon, aged 79, residing on Rodney street, East Side, met with a serious accident, the facts concerning which are conjectured. The aged man was found in the basement of a new house being erected at Mississippi avenue and Shaver street last night by some passers-by who were attracted to the spot by hearing groans uttered by the old man as he lay helpless and well-nigh unconscious on the ground. He was taken to a nearby drugstore and Dr. Babbitt summoned, who found upon examination that the injured man had two broken ribs and a severe cut on his head. He was taken in an ambulance to Good Samaritan Hospital, where he had only partially regained consciousness last night. It is supposed that Mr. Donlon had wandered into the building to examine the progress of the work and had lost his footing and fallen through to the basement floor.

OBSTRUCTIVE STREETCAR TRAFFIC.

Lester C. Duval, a driver in the employ of Jennings & Co., furniture dealers, was arrested last night on the complaint of Special Agent Lillis of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, charged with obstructing the streetcar traffic on the Morrison street bridge. Mr. Lillis, who was a passenger on the bridge, asserted that Duval drove just ahead of a Mt. Tabor car which was filled with passengers, and refused to allow it to pass during the entire length of the bridge, although the roadway was clear. When admonished by the motorman and Lillis, Duval, it is said, swore at them and laughed at their threats of arrest.

YOUNG GIRL DISAPPEARS.

James A. Anderson, an expressman who lives at 457 1/2 Davis street, has appealed to the police department to make a search for his daughter, Pearl Anderson, who left home about a week ago and has not been heard of since. The police have been unable to find any trace of her and Anderson is greatly agitated. He fears that perhaps she may have met with foul play. The girl is 17 years old and at the time of her disappearance was sent out to the butcher shop. Her purchase was delivered by an employee of the shop, but the girl was not seen at her home afterward.

BOY VAGRANTS ARRESTED.

James R. Kelly, Lawrence E. Wall and Robert J. Tatro, three little boys who say they are over 10 years of age, but who are picked up by Officer Wanless at the corner of Second and Davis streets, who took them to the police station, charging them with being vagrants. Kelly and Tatro said that they were on their way to Seattle and had stopped off here merely to get something to eat. They had no money, they asserted, that the boys in Los Angeles and that they had started out to see the world.

FIRE IN GASOLINE LAUNCH.

At 6 o'clock last night while working on a gasoline launch belonging to the River Machine Company, 282 Morrison street, at the foot of Stark street, L. H. Alexander, an employe of the company, struck a match to enable him to see under a seat. There was a leak in the gasoline tank and fire started immediately, followed by a small explosion. Alexander escaped without injury, and the fire department, which was called, put out the fire before any serious damage was done to the launch.

L. T. PIERCE INJURED.

L. T. Pierce, living at 64 East Oak street, was severely injured by a streetcar yesterday at the corner of Grand avenue and East Morrison street, while getting off the car. He was dragged some distance. He was injured internally, but no bones were broken. He is confined to his home. Mr. Pierce is a pioneer carpenter and builder, Washington street.

GLASS COMPANY SEEKS BONDS.

In the Board of Trade's mail yesterday was a communication from a glass manufacturing concern in Indiana offering to establish a branch in this city for the manufacture of arc lamps. The proposal carries with it the proviso that a site shall be donated and that from \$20,000 to \$50,000 be raised locally as a loan to the company.

CHINESE GAMBLERS RAIDED.

In a raid made last night on a Chinese gambling house at 36 Second street Detectives Kay and Kienan arrested Ah Sing, Ah John, Ah Toy, Ah Jim, Ah Yoo, Ah Quee, Ah Lee and Shing Lee. Entrance to the place was gained by battering down the doors. The nine Chinamen were promptly hauled out by Joe Sue, reported to be one of the gambling magnates of Chinatown. QUARTERLY MEETING TODAY.—The quarterly meeting of the Methodist Women's Home Missionary Society of the Oregon Conference will be held at the Grace Methodist Church, beginning at 10 o'clock this morning. An all-day session will be held, luncheon to be taken at the church. At this meeting the districts of the conference are to be reorganized, and other business of importance transacted.

DEATH OF MRS. JULIA B. McCULLOUGH.

Mrs. Julia B. McCullough died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rose Bullington, 61 East Nineteenth street, north. She was 79 years and 8 months old, and came from her home in Tennessee a little over a year ago. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Rose Bullington, of Portland, and Mrs. Julia Simon, of San Francisco, Cal.

PETITION READY FOR FILING.

Petitions bearing the signature of 2321 citizens were taken to Salem, yesterday by E. C. Giltner, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, to file with the Secretary of State. The petitions invoke the initiative in the matter of legislation in favor of extending the powers of the Port of Portland Commission.

WILL RESUME REGULAR MEETINGS.

The Northeastern Improvement Association will resume regular meetings tomorrow night in the lecture room of the Vernon Presbyterian Church. No meetings have been held for several months, but some neighborhood matters need attention. George B. Frank is president.

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ST. HELEN'S HALL CONCERT

Jane Scottfield Thatcher, Pianist, and Marjorie Miller Violinist.

A concert to be given tonight at 8 o'clock at St. Helen's Hall promises to be one of the musical events of the season. The two artists who are to appear will be heard for the first time in Portland. They are Jane Scottfield Thatcher, pianist, and Marjorie Miller, Violinist. Miss Miller has spent four years studying with the famous Cesar Tompson of Brussels and the result of her playing has created such enthusiasm in the Sound cities that her Portland friends are much pleased to have this opportunity of hearing her. Jane Scottfield Thatcher has delighted the few who have heard her play with her brilliancy of execution, sympathetic interpretation and unusual tone. The proceeds of this concert are to be used to purchase apparatus for the gymnasium. Tickets on sale at Ellers Piano House.

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SOUTH BEND, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special)—Word has been received from Andrew Carnegie to the effect that he would donate \$10,000 for the erection of a li-

Witherspoon Recital at the Hellig

By J. M. Quentin.

A SINGER, his songs, interpretation and acting. That is the lucky combination which Herbert Witherspoon, probably the greatest living American bass soloist, will be remembered by the audience fortunate enough to hear him in concert last night at the Hellig Theater, under the direction of W. T. Fangle. He was kindly received and won quite a number of encores.

Mr. Witherspoon lived up to the great artistic reputation that has preceded him as a really cultured, high-class singer. He sings with plenty of reserve power, and his voice is pure, velvety, and commanding. There is an utter absence of the fog-horn quality in Witherspoon's voice, noticeable in so many basses and baritones. The Witherspoon voice is in a class by itself. It is not so thick and timbre as the voice of Eduardo Reszke or Gambie of Pittsburgh. It is at all times under control, answering to the every mood of the singer.

Up to last night, those who had never left this portion of the country were compelled to depend upon mechanical devices for a speaking acquaintance with Witherspoon's voice. He never often has I learned over one of these machines and found myself under the strange spell of the great American bass singing "Mother o' Mine." He has what you would call a good platform appearance, and has lots of magnetism. His Americanism is particularly pleasing. Born in Buffalo, N. Y., he only lived there a year—he is a worthy representative of an American singer. "I never had any special voice teacher," he said, in the stage wings, last night, "I have been trained both in this country and Europe, and have in addition to this worked hard with my voice myself." The latter fact is all important, and the result is seen in the magnificent voice which has been built up.

English, French or German—Witherspoon is at home singing in any of these languages. Before he began the recital of the German leader, he showed his versatility by explaining, in well-chosen phrases, the meaning and character of selections by Schubert, Schumann, Strauss, Heine and Hermann. Schumann's "Wer Mache Dich So Karren Alte Leute" was a beautifully sung study in subtlety effects, while Hermann's "The Third" was sung with weird intensity and wealth of tone. His French songs had the necessary dash and lingering tenderness, but to my mind, his greatest triumph was the dynamic force with which he invested that terrifying death message of Sidney Homer, "The Pauper's Drive."

Rattle his bones over the stones. He's only a pauper whom nobody owns. With a fierce wall that reminds one of Mansfield's most tragic moments, "Mother o' Mine," also belongs to this class, and made so much of a hit that a repetition was insisted upon. Witherspoon's Irish brogue was a surprise, so quaintly amusing was it. Two other encores were "Memory," by Edna Park, and "Annie Laurie."

The accompanist of the evening was Mrs. Witherspoon, who was in admirable sympathy with her singer-husband. The latter is fortunate in having so fine a pianist in his own family. Many singers have to search far and near for such a treasure. To help Mrs. Witherspoon turn the leaves of the rapid music movements, Mrs. Warren E. Thomas, of this city, kindly went to the platform and assisted in this direction.

Witherspoon has just finished singing in Vancouver, B. C. He next leaves for Tacoma and Seattle. It is sure to be cordially remembered here.

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