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AMUSEMENTS.

HEILIG THEATER (Fourteenth and Washington streets)—Illustrated lecture by Captain Roald Amundsen, tonight at 8:15. MARQUAM THEATER—Creston Clarke and company in "The Power That Governed" at 8:15. BAKER THEATER—Halter Theater Company in "When We Were Young" at 8:15.

WILL SEND DELEGATION TO BOSTON.—At a meeting of a committee of the Portland Wholesale Grocers' Association, held yesterday in the Commercial Club, it was decided to send a large delegation to the annual National convention of the association to be held in Boston, May 11-14, and to endeavor to have the convention of 1908 held in Portland. Those in attendance at yesterday's meeting were: J. C. Mann, F. D. Brown, W. R. Clarke, C. E. Merrick, Tom Richardson and William McMurray. The Portland delegation will charter a special car, and will number not less than 15 men. The party will visit several cities along the route and will be entertained by commercial organizations at various points. It is considered that the trip will be the means of giving Oregon much favorable advertising in the Eastern centers.

DEATH OF JAMES WARRACK.—The friends of James Warrack in Portland and throughout the state will be grieved to learn of his death from heart trouble, at his brother's home in this city Thursday night. Mr. Warrack was born near Aberdeen, Scotland, July 4, 1872. He left here in 1888 for Quebec, Canada, where he remained until 1895 in the employment of a shipping firm. Since coming to Oregon in 1895 he has been engaged in business in the eastern portion of the state and also in Washington. Just before his death he sold out his interests in North Yakima intending to settle in Portland. Possessed of a keen mind and sunny disposition his sudden taking off is a severe blow to his family and friends both here and abroad. He was a member of the Masonic order and is survived by a widow and two children.

COMPLETING BANQUET.—Final arrangements for the banquet and mass meeting of the Laymen's Missionary Movement to be held Monday and Tuesday, March 30 and 31, were made last night at a meeting of the executive committee, in the Y. M. C. A. building. At the meeting the following musicians will participate: Mrs. Blanche The Knoff, soprano; Miss Mary Mackenzie Shill, violin; Miss Grace Kemp, organ; Professor W. M. Wilder and male chorus. Secretary J. Campbell White, of New York, who has conducted successful meetings in Spokane and Seattle, will arrive in Portland Monday morning, and will deliver addresses at the banquet Tuesday night and at the mass meeting Tuesday night.

ARREST ITALIAN FOR STABBING.—Louis Farche, an Italian, 22 years of age, was arrested last night in his home, at 401 1/2 Second street, by Police Officer Detective Coleman, on a warrant charging him with assault with a dangerous weapon. The warrant had been issued on February 10, and Farche had been on the police "wanted" list since. The charge on which Farche was arrested arose from a quarrel which the prisoner had on February 10, with another Italian named Taccone. The men had a disagreement over a woman. It is said, and the affair culminated when the men met at Fifth and Sheridan streets. In this encounter Farche drew a razor and slashed Taccone several times, making ugly wounds.

BIBLE LESSONS ILLUSTRATED.—The Bible school of the First Christian Church is giving most interesting and instructive programs on the review of the last quarter's lessons. There will be 50 stereotyped views impressively illustrating each lesson of the quarter. The program is being given for the occasion, and any one who would like to get the "sum and substance" of the quarter's work indelibly impressed on his mind would do well to attend this school Sunday morning at 10 A. M., corner Park and Columbia streets.

PLEA FOR THE KINDERGARTEN.—At a meeting of the mothers of the Irvington Kindergarten on Friday afternoon, Miss Elizabeth K. Matthews, supervisor of the kindergarten training class of St. Helen's Hall, gave a talk on the kindergarten as a factor in the public school education, and any one who would like to get the "sum and substance" of the quarter's work indelibly impressed on his mind would do well to attend this school Sunday morning at 10 A. M., corner Park and Columbia streets.

DEATH OF MRS. LAURA E. HICKS.—Mrs. Laura E. Hicks, mother of L. J. Hicks, of the Hicks-Chatlin Engraving Company, died Thursday night at her home at Ivanhoe station on the Woodstock line, at the age of 78 years. Her husband, Edwin Hicks, died last October. She is survived by the following children: L. J. Frank and Walter A. Hicks, of Portland; Clarence R. Hicks, of Ohio; W. G. Hicks, of Corvallis; and Mrs. Mary H. Anderson, of Ivanhoe. The funeral will be held at the residence tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

FIRE IN APARTMENT HOUSE.—A fire alarm from box No. 67 called engine company No. 2 to the two-story wooden building at 14 and 148 North Twenty-fourth street, at 9 o'clock last night. The firemen had 45 minutes brisk work to get the blaze under control and put it entirely out. It originated in a pile of rubbish in the cellar and burned through to the second floor. The building is used as an apartment house. The tenants worked hard to save their belongings. The loss is estimated at \$500.

MARKETS WHO CLAIM TO BE SELLING.—United States Government-inspected meats are offering the public scalded pork. The Government Inspector never laid eyes on. The markets that handle this stuff are palming it off as grain-fed and are asking just as much as Smith is asking for the choicest corn-fed pork. When you come to Smith's pass up these markets. See that Smith's name is over the door and then come in. Read Smith's ad-back page.

PEOPLE'S FORUM TOMORROW.—E. S. J. McAllister will address the People's Forum at 8 P. M. Sunday, in Selling-Hirsch hall, Tenth and Washington streets, on some of the proposed amendments to the Oregon constitution, giving particular attention to the "recall" and tax questions. A lively discussion will follow the address. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

T. P. A. WILL HOLD EXERCISES.—A successor to the late E. M. Brannick, who was a trustee of the Travelers' Protective Association, will be elected to the office at a meeting of the association to be held tonight at the Hotel Oregon. Delegates to the National convention to be held at Milwaukee in June will also be elected.

BRACKEN INTO TOOLHOUSE.—The American Pressed Stone Company reported to the police last night that it had been the victim of thieves at some time during the past few days. A toolhouse, at Summit and Glasgow streets, was broken into and tools valued at \$100 taken.

STOPPED BY POLICEMAN; NOT ARRESTED.—George Butterfield, aged 12 years, denies that he was arrested for reckless bicycling. He says he was stopped by a policeman but not arrested.

WHERE TO DINE.—All the delicacies of the season at the Portland Restaurant; fine private apartments for ladies, 36 Wash., near 8th.

Refugees Taken Away.—PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, March 27.—The German consul Brown left here today for Kingston, Jamaica, carrying all the revolutionary refugees who had taken asylum at the French and German legations. They number in all 75 men.

PORTLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT A BRILLIANT SUCCESS

Marquam Grand Theater Crowded With Enthusiastic Audience—Mrs. Beatrice Dierke, as Soloist, Receives an Ovation.

BY J. M. QUENTIS. SURPRISING expectations of the friends, cordially welcomed, and attended by an audience representing the musical, educational and social life of this city, the first concert of the newly reorganized Portland Symphony Orchestra, Charles Dierke conductor, has passed into history. It was a great triumph, and only those people who know the uphill work necessary to make possible a series of symphony concerts, realize the full import of these words.

Mrs. Edna B. Jones, the business manager of the orchestra, is to be personally congratulated on the great success that has attended her efforts. She has won where many failed. Previously, symphony concerts failed in Portland largely because of the promoter's attempt to do a double duty by making the receipts taken at the door pay all expenses. Naturally, the best professional musicians in town play for their living, and symphony concerts are expensive. Mrs. Jones, the new manager, went ahead on a new line—she secured in advance a guarantee fund sufficient to meet all the expenses of the series of concerts. Music education here is therefore so much aided.

The Marquam Grand theater yesterday completely broke new ground. It was a triumph for a tragedy star to appear. And to think that music alone brought them! Every seat downstairs, balcony and boxes, was occupied, mostly by women and girls. It is true, that leaving the sprinkling of men. The latter are supposed to be too much engaged at business to get away afterwards to a symphony concert. The orchestra, however, was there in force, also the general public. To be sure the concert was a little late in beginning. It was announced that the hour for starting was 7:30 o'clock. The stage was set and the orchestra members, conductor and soloist were all present, but the audience kept arriving at such a steady stream that the management wisely concluded to wait about a quarter of an hour until everybody was seated. Then the musical feast began.

Meyerbeer's "Coronation March" was fittingly selected as an opening number. It opens, with its swelling, joyous chords, to popular ears, and was recognized as such. B. F. Driscoll's solo was appreciated for its colorful tone, without mannerism. Mrs. Dierke's solo was noticed as Mr. Dierke conducted without mannerism. The other soloists were all of the highest caliber. The supreme moment to the audience, many of whom—especially the younger set—had never before heard a symphony played by an orchestra, came when Ludwig Beethoven's "Symphony No. 2" was announced.

I may as well say to the younger people that one eminent authority gives this intention of a symphony: "An elaborate composition for full orchestra, consisting usually, like a sonata, of three or four contrasting yet inwardly related movements."

ments, as the allegro, adagio, minuet or trio of scherzo, and the first in quick time." This is the story in cold words. But as interpreted by the orchestra yesterday afternoon, it was a call to serious musicianship. "Symphony No. 2" is shorter than many similar compositions, and is marked by dignity and appealing force. Some people have interpreted this symphony as "voiding life and death." To me it does not speak of anything so grave-like, but suggests the gloom of night with lowering sky and then the beauty of dawn. It tells of a nature study.

The most difficult number on the programme, both for orchestra and Mrs. Beatrice Dierke, soloist, was the Franz Liszt "Laird's Lament." It is a work of compelling tremendous execution and technique, and was grandly played. It made me wish I was playing in the trombone section, because the soloist's trombone seems to suggest satisfactory expression in this regard. The most popular moment was when the orchestra played "Lohengrin." That message went home. Didn't many a dignified matron present say in their heart of hearts, when a certain merrill began: "Ah-h-h. That air was played in the church when I was married. How well I remember!" Dvorak's "Slavonic Dances" concluded the orchestra selection.

Speaking critically, so far as the orchestra is concerned, the ensemble work is very creditable, considering that the musicians were such a short time together an organized body. I liked the strings, especially the cellos, and the four basses were a joy. The brass is just about average, the trombone section pleasing particularly. There ought, however, to be a little more warmth in the orchestral work, and the players ought to be more in sympathy. The soloist, Mrs. Dierke, was a success as conductor, and gave authoritative readings. His "Lohengrin" interpretation was reverent, and his "Laird's Lament" was a study in smoking incense, a procession of gray-cloaked monks and white-robed altar boys.

Beatrice Dierke, piano soloist, has blossomed in her art. She has not played recently in public, and her tone grandeur was a surprise. The concerto was skillfully handled for the piano, and received the necessary fire and contrasts of sparkling, liquid beauty. She received an ovation. The Saint-Saens, Rosenwald and De Schola numbers were also well played. The dynamics were present, but not ultra-predominant. Tone was more sought for. Portland has reason to feel proud of such an accomplished artist. Mrs. Dierke's encore were "I Were a Bird," (Hensold) and "Etude Japonaise" (Poldini). The concert concluded at 11:05 o'clock, and everybody was pleased. The other concerts are announced for April 2 and May 10.

And it was really a success. And it was all Portland-made.

leged immunity contract between Abe Ruef and the prosecution in the San Francisco graft cases.

Dr. W. Kuykendall, of Eugene, ex-State Senator from Lane County, is registered at the Imperial.

Dr. James Witcombe, of the faculty of the Oregon State Agricultural College at Corvallis, is registered at the Imperial.

John B. Reynolds, a well-known theatrical man, is in the city ahead of Mary Manning, who comes to the Heilig soon.

Mrs. C. Cook, of Seattle, wife of a prominent Alaskan miner, was registered at the Belvedere yesterday, on her way to California.

F. F. Metcahan, of Leavenworth, Kan., brother of Philip Metcahan, proprietor of the Imperial Hotel, is visiting relatives in this city.

CHICAGO, March 27.—(Special.)—The following Oregon people registered at Chicago hotels today: At the Stratford—Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wood. At the Great Northern—T. Wallace Buis.

NEW YORK, March 27.—(Special.)—People from the Northwest registered at New York hotels today as follows: From Portland—N. Bissinger, at the Hotel Astor; Mrs. E. S. Harris, at the Gilsey.

From Spokane—J. W. Wentworth and wife, at the Buckingham. From Seattle—H. Tompkins, at the Herald Square; T. H. Starr, at the Brealin; Mrs. E. J. Rogers, at the Albert.

From Arlington, Or.—I. Coe, at the Herald Square.

NOT PERMITTED TO RESIGN

CAPTAIN BRUIN DISMISSED BY EXECUTIVE BOARD. No Voice Raised in His Behalf, and Vote Is Unanimous—Patrolman West Also Dropped.

Accepting as proved the charges of insubordination and neglect of duty filed by Chief of Police Gritzmacher against Patrick Bruin, late captain and now head of the city detective department, after Bruin's resignation, the City Executive Board, at its meeting yesterday afternoon, voted unanimously to dismiss Bruin from the service. Bruin was not present to defend himself and no member of the Board raised a voice in his behalf.

Chief Gritzmacher's charges, which were filed with the police committee of the Board and recommended for approval, were based on the fact that Bruin, after tendering his resignation to the captain in charge at police headquarters late one night, took the sealed envelope back, tore it open and exhibited its contents to a popular reporter, and on the further fact that Bruin, after giving a brief leave of absence for the purpose of pondering the Chief's order depositing him as head of the detective department, wholly neglected to return to duty or to explain his action.

The action of the Executive Board leaves the way clear for the appointment of a police captain to fill the vacancy caused by Bruin's removal. There are no eligibles, according to Thomas G. Greene, chairman of the police committee, who has been authorized to involve upon Chief Gritzmacher to call the attention of the Civil Service Commission to the fact. The Commission will thereupon hold an examination of candidates.

Bruin has been a popular captain of detectives by Captain George H. Bailey. The same action as in the Bruin case was taken with reference to W. E. West, the patrolman who recently resigned, after tendering his resignation to the captain in charge of his wife and his job.

GOVERNOR REVIEWS O. N. G. Quarterly Review and Inspection of First Regiment at Armory.

Governor Chamberlain, Adjutant-General Flitzer, Colonel James Jackson and members of the staff of the Oregon National Guard reviewed the state troops at the Multnomah County Armory last night. The occasion was the quarterly review and inspection.

Following the review, in connection with the formation of the regiment, Governor Chamberlain made a short speech. He paid tribute to the National Guard of Oregon and to the militia of the United States. Governor Chamberlain said that war between the yellow and white races was possible and that the state troops would be the first soldiers called upon, and that it was his aim to keep the standard of the Oregon National Guard as high as possible. The Governor referred a number of times to the old adage which has descended from the time of General Washington. "In time of peace, prepare for war."

There was an unusually large attendance at the review. The company commanders were correspondingly happy. Upwards of 1200 visitors occupied seats in the gallery and on the floor. The review was a most enjoyable social dance. Governor Chamberlain has been a Guardsman for more than 40 years. One of the first detachments commanded by him was at Albany and he was inspected by Colonel Jackson, when that officer was in the regular service.

PERSONAL MENTION. W. J. Kerr, president of the State Agricultural College at Corvallis, registered yesterday at the Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Contant and Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Contant, of Grants Pass, are at the Belvedere.

Rabbi Dr. Jacob Nieto, of San Francisco, is registered at the Portland. Rabbi Nieto is one of the witnesses to the al-

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Track Work at Eugene Today. UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—Both the baseball and track teams of the university will hold contests tomorrow, providing weather conditions are favorable. The varsity nine will cross bats with the Eugene High School, while Trainer Hayward will hold a field day for the trackmen. Each man on the squad will enter one event and all of the races will be shortened one-half.

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