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AMUSEMENTS.

HEILIG THEATER (14th and Washington streets)—Tonight at 8:15 o'clock, the musical comedy success, "The District Leader."

MARQUAM THEATER—(Morrison, between Sixth and Seventh)—San Francisco Opera Company in "The Belle of New York." Tonight at 8:15.

BAKER THEATER—(Third between Yamhill and Taylor)—Baker Theater Company in "The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown." Tonight at 8:15.

STAR THEATER—(Park and Washington)—The French Stock Company in "How Baxter Butted In." Tonight at 8:15. Matinees Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday at 2:15 P. M.

LYRIC THEATER—(Seventh and Alder)—The Allen Stock Company in "Thelma." Tonight at 8:15. Matinee Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 2:15 P. M.

PANTAGES THEATER—(Fourth and Stark)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M.

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

CHURCH CONGRESS TO MEET HERE.—At the meeting of the Portland Association of the Congregational Church held on Wednesday afternoon in the Highland Church, it was announced that Portland has been chosen as the 1909 meeting place of the Pacific Coast congress of Congregational churches. Mrs. Luckey, who attended the recent congress held in Los Angeles, spoke of the gracious hospitality shown the visitors. "The Work Among Men," was the title of an address delivered by E. B. McNaughton of the First Church. Professor Mary E. Farnham of Pacific University read a paper on "The Christian College of the Twentieth Century." Among those who spoke at the meeting were: J. R. Knodell, of the Anti-Saloon League, who referred to the campaign to make the East Side dry; Rev. E. C. Oakley, of Oregon City, on "Fellowship"; Rev. D. B. Gray, Rev. J. J. Staub and W. C. Gilmore.

PLANS TINPLATE FACTORY.—Correspondence between the Chamber of Commerce and Thomas Clarke, of New Castle, Pa., has been carried on for some time with reference to the establishment of a tinplate factory in Portland. Mr. Clarke writes in a letter to Mr. Giltner, received yesterday, that he was favorably impressed with the opportunity offered here for such an enterprise and said that he intends to come to this city and make personal examination of the different sites in the near future. He asked particularly about the number of canneries in this vicinity and made other inquiries which leads to the belief that he proposes to establish a factory here.

VOTERS SLOW TO REGISTER.—Just 20 names were added to the registration books at the County Clerk's office yesterday. One of these was a Prohibitionist, one a Socialist, one an independent voter and the fourth refused to give his politics. There were four Democrats and 12 Republicans. It is apparent that voters have not yet awakened to the fact that the books are again open for registrations, and for changes on account of removal from one precinct to another. The books close May 15, 16 days before the election.

TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL SERVICES.—At Temple Beth Israel tonight Rabbi Jonah B. Wise will deliver the first of a series of three lectures on "The Philosophy of the Israelitish Nation Called the Religion of the Jews." The division will comprise "Intuitional," "Rational" and "Ideal." The sermon tonight will be on the "Intuitional." The service commences at 8 o'clock. On Saturday morning the service commences at 10:30 o'clock and the sermon will be on the "Laws of Israel." Strangers are welcome at all services.

CHURCH RECEPTION TONIGHT.—A reception will be tendered to the members of the chorus and quartet of Grace Methodist Church by the Ladies' Aid Society and the Epworth League tonight in the church parlors at Twelfth and Taylor streets. A short programme consisting of literary and musical numbers will be rendered by Mrs. Emma Gillespie, Mrs. Reno Hutchinson and Miss Cole. At the conclusion of the exercises there will be a social hour. Light refreshments will be served.

EFFECTIVE May 1, all cars of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company within the city limits of Portland and its suburbs, including St. John, will stop only at the near side of crossings, as is now being done at railroad intersections. Conductors of the Portland Railway Division are instructed to permit passengers to get on and off of cars at forward vestibule, when desired, except on forward vestibule of Portland Heights cars.

DR. POLING TO ARRIVE TOMORROW.—Dr. C. C. Poling, who has been appointed pastor of the Second United Evangelical Church, Kerby and Fargo streets, Albina, will arrive tomorrow from La Mars, Ia. He has been absent from Oregon two years, during which he was president of the Western University at La Mars. He is widely known in Portland and Oregon.

DR. MOSESSOHN TO SPEAK.—At the Park Street Synagogue (Congregation Ahavai Sholom), Rev. Dr. N. Mosessohn will conduct the services tonight at 8 o'clock and tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Rev. R. Abrahamson, who left yesterday for an extended trip to Europe, left his pulpit in charge of Rabbi Mosessohn during his absence. All are welcome.

FUNERAL OF ALEXANDER DUMAS.—The funeral of Alexander Dumas who died Wednesday, at his home 816 Clackamas street, was conducted at the residence yesterday morning, and the interment was in Lone Fir Cemetery. Rev. Andrew Montgomery conducted the services. Mr. Dumas was 59 years of age.

DENTIST ARNOLD FINED.—J. R. Arnold, charged with practicing dentistry without a license, was placed on trial in the Municipal Court yesterday afternoon. He pleaded guilty to the charge and a fine of $50 was imposed by Judge Cameron.

DR. POHL WILL SPEAK.—Dr. E. C. Pohl, City Health Officer, will address the Thompson School, Home Training Circle No. 12, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. All mothers are invited to attend.

THE O. P. A. CLUB will present "A Vision of Fair Women," at Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, this (Friday) evening, April 24. Admission 25 cents, children 15 cents.

MEETING AT SHAVER SCHOOL.—The Home Training Circle No. 13, of Shaver school, will hold a meeting this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. W. W. Payne will address the meeting.

VISIT the Japanese Tea Garden Friday evening at Taylor-Street Church. Beautiful Japanese maidens will preside. Programme of solos, choruses and recitations.

MEET TODAY AT SELLWOOD.—The Sellwood branch of the Home Training Association will meet at the Sellwood school this afternoon. Everybody invited.

HOTEL OSBORN, corner Grand avenue and East Ash, for rent. Inquire J. H. Bagley, room 3.

FOR RENT—A few nice offices in The Oregonian building. See Superintendent, room 201.

RATE WAR.—San Francisco, $5; steamer, Frank Bollam, agent, 128, Third street.

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DR. R. C. COFFEY has returned from his trip East.

RECALL WILL BE DEBATED.—The recall will be the subject of a public debate between W. S. U'Ren, of Oregon City and W. R. McGarry, tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. U'Ren, who started the movement in favor of the measure, will speak for the affirmative. Mr. McGarry will take the negative side. This is one of a series of meetings which the educational department of the association is presenting for the purpose of enabling voters to form more intelligent opinions of questions to be passed upon at the coming election.

LYNCHING OF MURDERER

People of Skidoo Take Simpson From Sheriff and Hang Him.

RHYOLITE, Nev., April 23.—Shortly after dusk last night a small band of citizens at Skidoo, a camp in California, 36 miles south of here, overpowered the Sheriff's guard in charge of Joe Simpson, the gambler, who shot and killed James Arnold last Sunday, and hanged the prisoner to a telegraph pole where his body dangled this morning as the citizens of the camp arose. The lynching was accomplished quietly, and today no one in Skidoo will acknowledge having any information relating to the affair.

Simpson was hanged from the crossarm of the pole to which he was bound last Sunday, after he had made an attempt on the life of Cashier Dobbs, of the Southern California Bank, at Skidoo. Simpson, who bore an unsavory reputation, was intoxicated, and after threatening Dobbs, shot and killed Arnold in what is said to have been a cold-blooded manner.

Arnold was a butcher, and one of the most prominent men in the camp. He located the townsite of Skidoo and was heavily interested in mining. He was formerly Justice of the Peace there and had been instrumental in prosecuting Simpson on previous occasions.

RESCUES STARVING TRIO

Captain Donaldson, of Steamer Carmel, Picks Up Fishermen.

HOQUIAM, Wash., April 23.—(Special.)—The steamer Carmel, Captain Donaldson, rescued three men while passing in today. The captain sighted an unusual looking object several miles off the bar and changed his course to investigate. He found a fishing boat containing three fishermen, Ed Saxe, John Jacobsen and Eric Anderson. The men had started from Grays Harbor for Astoria, had no compass, became bewildered and had been buffeted about by rough seas for the past three days without food or water. The Carmel brought them into port in a famished condition.

WILL HOLD A RECEPTION

Members of French Company to Meet Patrons After Matinee.

Members of the French Stock Company are to extend a courtesy to patrons of the Star Theater after the matinee performance tomorrow afternoon. Ladies and children attending the performance will be invited by the company to remain and partake of refreshments and be given an opportunity to meet the members of the troupe personally. As the company leaves on the train for Tacoma immediately after the night performance the souvenir entertainment has been arranged for the afternoon, instead of at night, as had been previously understood by some of the patrons.

PERSONAL MENTION.

A. C. Churchill, of Newberg, is at the Portland.

Mrs. C. B. Durbin, of Antelope, Or., is visiting friends in this city.

George W. Sanbourn, a well-known salmon man of Astoria, is registered at the Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Misener, who have been in Southern California for over a year for the benefit of Mrs. Misener's health, are expected to return to Portland in the early part of May.

CHICAGO, April 23.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. I. Gevurtz, Miss Fannie Gevurtz and Mrs. Hamilton Brooke, of Portland, are at the Auditorium Annex.

WHERE TO DINE.

All the delicacies of the season at the Portland Restaurant; fine private apartments for ladies, 305 Wash., near 5th.

San Francisco's Grand Welcome to the Fleet.

The greatest patriotic demonstration of recent times will be San Francisco's welcome to the Nation's fleet of battleships, to arrive in San Francisco harbor May 6. The committees having in charge the arrangements estimate that there will be 200,000 visitors to the Golden Gate on that occasion. The Southern Pacific has made a round-trip rate from Portland of $25. Tickets will be on sale May 2, 3 and 4. Good for return until May 21. Make your reservations early at the city ticket office, Third and Washington streets.

WU WRITES TO PORTLAND

URGES CHINESE TO END WAR OF TONGS.

Oriental Minister Declares Murderers of Lee Dai Huey Should Suffer the Penalty of Death.

Wu Ting Fang, Ambassador to the United States and Mexico, has taken a hand in the Chinese tong trouble that has started in Portland. When a disgruntled Chinese who had been expelled from the How Wong Tong, gathering a few kindred spirits about him and obtaining aid from San Francisco, planned and carried out the murder of Lee Dai Huey, one of the best-known and most-respected of the Chinese merchants of Portland, an inner dissension was stirred up in the tong that threatened for a time to drag in other companies and to result in one of the bloody tong wars that have stirred other cities and have resulted in much destruction of life and property.

The police of Portland, however, aided by the more peaceable of the Chinese residents, have managed to keep the upper hand of the belligerent faction, and in spite of the fact that they imported gunmen and knifemen from San Francisco and made one or two sporadic attempts to "get" others whom they had marked for slaughter, no other fatalities have resulted.

Realizing the folly of these tong wars with their attendant loss of life, the merchants of the local Chinatown have held numerous conferences, with the object of allaying the bloodthirsty feeling of the belligerent faction, and have appealed to the Chinese Consul at San Francisco. Not long ago he sent a communication to the local consulate to be delivered to the judge sitting in the case of those charged with the murder of Lee Dai Huey, and asking that as severe a sentence as possible be given them if they were found guilty. The San Francisco Consul also notified the Ambassador at Washington of the occurrence, and a letter just received from him is the result.

It was not at first the intention of the local Chinese to appeal to the representative of their government in this country, for the reason that as it started the trouble, did not affect more than one tong, but there is a feeling of very great relief here over the fact that the Ambassador has interested himself in the trouble. This letter from Wu Ting Fang was written to Lee Dai Quon, a brother of the murdered man, with instructions for him to give it to the proper authorities. The translation of the letter follows:

Imperial Chinese Consulate, Washington, D. C., April 1, 1908.—Lee Dai Quon, Portland, Or.:

I am Ambassador to United States and Mexico, Wu Ting Fang.

I receive complaint from Portland that all the merchants have suffered because Lee Dai Huey is killed and that Lee Dai Quon, his brother, is said to be an honest man and to suffer because an innocent man is killed by highbinders. I am of great grief because of this. I hear the excellent police run to earth some of the highbinders in own room and get all weapons in their possession. The court should give punishment to them in first degree, because Chinese in America make tong war all the time. Highbinders have got influence to get acquitted and them who is not careful they try to kill all the time. This is the same as little boys' play.

I am very sorry. I wish the court to have these men hanged.

I receive word from San Francisco Consul about this case.

BURNSIDE STREET SALE

PROPERTY AT CORNER OF NINTH CHANGES HANDS.

Lot 50 by 100 Feet Brings $13,500. Another Building on Fourth Street for Chinese.

Among the transfers recorded yesterday was the undivided half of lot 1, block 65, Couch addition, being the piece on the southeast corner of Burnside and Ninth streets, 50 x 100 feet. There are some unimportant buildings on the site. The transfer was made by R. B. Lanson to M. L. Holbrook at a consideration of $13,500. J. D. Hart is also interested in the purchase, which was made as a speculation by the buyers.

Another building is to be erected on Fourth and Flanders streets for occupancy by Chinese tenants. The property leased for this purpose belongs to the Meade estate, and A. Fleishman acted as agent in the transaction. The rental of the ground is said to be $750 a month, with the privilege of purchase before the lease expires. The building is to be a 3-story structure, and with the Dammeier building now being completed, will furnish quarters for something like 3000 Chinese. The estimated cost of the building is placed at $55,000.

Transfers this week to date have run over an average of $50,000 a day, the total reaching $219,140, including yesterday. One of the pieces figuring yesterday was lot 2, in the north half of block Y, City, which was sold by the Western Oregon Trust Co. to D. B. Kelly for $6000.

In the plans of the new Y. M. C. A. building sleeping-rooms are provided for, there being accommodations for over 300 proposed in the scheme. These rooms will be let at nominal prices, and a dining-room will be maintained in the basement where meals are to be served at actual cost. Work on the building is to start in about ten days.

HOBSON AT PENDLETON

Hero of Santiago Lectures on Need of a Greater Navy.

PENDLETON, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson delivered an address to an audience of 600 people in this city tonight. He spoke in behalf of the measure calling for the construction of four battleships a year and at the conclusion of his address his famous resolution, calling upon the Oregon Senators and Representatives to work for Roosevelt's pet measure was unanimously adopted. He declared that Japan was actually preparing for war with America and that the conflict was sure to come. His plea, however, was for a larger Navy than that of any other nation on earth in order that this Government might fill the roll of peace preserver.

Open Fish Season Later.

ASTORIA, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—A proposal is under discussion by the Columbia River packers of asking the Legislatures of Oregon and Washington to enact laws at the coming sessions to change the opening of the fishing season on the Columbia River from April 15 to May 15. The reason for this is that for the past few years all the canneries and cold storage plants have been operating at a loss during the early part of the season owing to the light run of fish.

Find Body in City Reservoir.

TACOMA, April 23.—Bloodhounds set on the trail of Edward Fenazi, aged 23, who disappeared from the village of Burnett two days ago, found his body today in the reservoir from which the residents take their drinking water. Fenazi had been dead two days. He had quarreled with his father over money matters.

Delegates to General Assembly.

At the quarterly meeting of the Portland Presbytery, held on Wednesday at Astoria, the following delegates were appointed to attend the general assembly to be held in Kansas City on May 20: J. V. Milligan, D. D., state Sunday school missionary; Rev. A. J. Montgomery, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church; Professor J. E. Ewing and John Bain. Others who will attend the convention are Dr. W. S. Holt and Rev. T. B. Griswold.

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It hasn't been very long in existence, has the Meistersinger Quartet of this city, but for the short time it has appeared before the public it has made good in every respect. At the recent celebration at the Armory Hall of St. Patrick's Day, the quartet won warm recognition. The director of the quartet is Frederick W. Goodrich, organist and choirmaster of St. Mary's Cathedral, and the singers are, reading from left to right, William Conley, first tenor; Scott Kent, second tenor; Stephen Hickey, second bass, and Gustave Cramer, first bass.

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