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AMUSEMENTS

BAKER THEATER—(Third between Yamhill and Taylor)—Theater Company in "The Climbers" tonight at 8:15. STAR THEATER—(Park and Washington)—The Armstrong North Albina Comedy Company in "The Bathing Girls" tonight at 8:15; matinee Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday at 2:15 P. M. LYRIC THEATER—(Seventh and Alder)—The Allen Stock Company in "Under the Magnolia" tonight at 8:15; matinee Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 2:15. MARQUAM GRAND—(Morrison, between Sixth and Seventh)—Pantages continuous vaudeville, 7:30 and 9 P. M. GRAND THEATER—(Washington, between Park and Seventh)—Continuous vaudeville, 7:30 and 9 P. M.

INDORRES STREET CARNIVAL—At the last meeting of the North East Side Improvement Association, a resolution was adopted endorsing the carnival and street fair to be given by the Catholic Young Men's Club of St. Mary's parish, May 16-27. President F. E. Sullivan, in the Magnolia, tonight at 8:15. Matinee Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 2:15. MARQUAM GRAND—(Morrison, between Sixth and Seventh)—Pantages continuous vaudeville, 7:30 and 9 P. M. GRAND THEATER—(Washington, between Park and Seventh)—Continuous vaudeville, 7:30 and 9 P. M.

CLUBS MEET TONIGHT—Delegates from the nine Peninsula push clubs will meet tonight with the North Albina Improvement Club, near Killingsworth avenue, to consider the matter of preparing a float for the Rose Festival. It is desired that there be a full representation present at this meeting. Owing to the cost, it was considered impracticable for one club to get up a creditable float, but by all the clubs joining together it may be done. The Woodstock Push Club will hold a meeting tonight in the Woodstock hall to consider the matter of providing a float and arranging for future meetings. George A. Westgate will address the Rose City Park Improvement League tonight in the Alameda schoolhouse about the Country Club and the schoolhouse is doing. The University Park Board of Trade will meet tonight at University Park for general business. The Kenilworth Improvement Association will hold a meeting tonight. Also the Mount Scott Push Club meets tonight at the Arleta Pharmacy.

WORLD CONDEMNED BUILDING—The special committee of the North East Side Improvement Association will ask that the building inspector make an inspection of the Williams-avenue schoolhouse with a view to securing his opinion as to its general safety. R. E. L. Simmons, member of this committee, who recently made an examination of the building and reported that he does not consider the rooms safe, that plastering is falling from the walls and that at any time a large quantity of the plaster may come down on the children, maiming or injuring them. "I feel very grateful when my child comes home safe every night, that no accident has happened during the day at this building," said Mr. Simmons. Mr. Simmons thinks that provisions ought to be made as soon as possible to abandon this building, and that to wait until the ground can be sold for \$75,000, the price fixed by the Board of Education, is to postpone erection of a building for an indefinite time.

SEAMEN'S FRIEND CONCERT—A concert will be given tonight at the Institute of the Portland Seamen's Friend Society, corner Third and Flanders streets, commencing at 8 o'clock. The programme is being arranged by Mrs. May Dearborn Schwab. There will be several selections given by the Lakme Quartet, which is composed of the following well-known singers: First soprano, Mrs. May D. Schwab; second soprano, Miss Ethel Lytle; first contralto, Miss Petronella Connolly; second contralto, Mrs. W. A. T. Bushong. The members of the quartet will also sing solos. Miss Sarah Glance will sing, also Stuart McGuire. All friends will be cordially welcomed.

TALKS LAW TO WOMEN—A splendid musical programme was rendered at the Young Women's Christian Association yesterday. Mrs. Pauline Chapman and Mrs. Olga Bartsch Lang were the soloists and Miss Gail Myers played a violin solo. A. F. Flegel then addressed a most enthusiastic audience. He had planned a 20-minute talk but was led on and on by questions from the young women who were loath to lose this opportunity of cross-questioning a lawyer. The subject was "Law Points for Women."

"SEEING PORTLAND" TRIPS—Beginning Monday, May 4, the electric observation cars of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, will resume daily service. "Seeing Portland" cars start from Second and Washington streets every day at 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. Fare 50 cents, time, two and one-half hours. If you are a stranger in Portland don't miss this trip. If you live here, see and know your own city.

R. D. MILLS & FRIENDS—Miss Beattie Cappe and R. D. Mills were married last Saturday night at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Emma Cappe, 51 Jessup street. The groom is manager of the Pittcock & Leadbetter lumber yard in Albina. The bride is a Clackamas County girl. They will spend their honeymoon in visiting Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane and Walla Walla.

MINISTERS MEET TODAY—The Portland General Ministerial Association will meet today, at the Y. M. C. A., at 10:30 A. M. Rev. E. M. Sharp will read a paper on "Fragments, Fallacies and Assumptions; or Some Things About Socialism."

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PARDONS ARE EXPECTED Powers and Howard Thought to Be About to Gain Freedom. FRANKFORT, Ky., May 3.—Governor Willson will on Tuesday announce his decision on the petitions for pardons for Caleb Powers and James Howard, charged with complicity in the murder of William Goebel. There is in circulation a persistent rumor which is not questioned even by the most ardent supporters of the prosecution, that the two principal defendants thus far tried in this famous case will be set at liberty.

NOTICE, AUTOMOBILE CLUB Members of Portland Automobile Club are requested to meet on Sixth street, north of Washington, on Tuesday at 1:30 P. M., to take part in automobile parade preceding the opening game of baseball—Portland vs. San Francisco. R. D. INMAN, President. C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

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

Express Robbers Confess. LAREDO, Tex., May 3.—It was learned here today that through the activity of the police of Mexico City the robbers who took \$63,000 from the Wells-Fargo Express Company are in jail and the men have confessed. They are Louisa Cutting, chief clerk in the general offices of the express company, and Rodolfo A. Alvarez, alias Rodriguez, the express messenger who disappeared. The money was found by the police in Cutting's room.

Wasco Democratic Ticket. THE DALLES, Or., May 3.—(Special.)—The Democratic county ticket as completed yesterday places but five candidates in the field, as follows: John Geavin, District Attorney; John Fitzpatrick, Clerk; J. N. Mosier, Assessor, and H. F. Woodcock, of Wamie, and L. E. Morse, of Hood River, as Representatives. Both the latter are Statement No. 1 advocates.

Archbishop Orth Resigns. VICTORIA, B. C., May 3.—The resignation of Archbishop Orth was announced in the Roman Catholic Cathedral today. The archbishop has been in the South of Europe for some time seriously ill and it is reported he will not return.

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"The Climbers" at the Baker

Ned Warden..... Donald Bowles Dick Sterling..... George Allison Mr. Mason..... James Gleason Mr. Trotter..... Howard Russell Mr. Godesby..... Robert Homans Dr. Reinhardt..... Earl D. Deire Jordan..... R. E. Bradbury Leonard..... Charles Lewis Man servant..... Charles Lawrence Blanche Sterling..... Isetta Jewel Mrs. Hunter..... Mina Collins Gleason Miss Ruth Hunter..... Gertrude Rivers Clara Hunter..... Maribel Seymour Jessie Hunter..... Lucile Webster Miss Godesby..... Louise Kent Miss Gherston..... Hilda Graham Thompson..... Hilda Graham Marie..... Fay Bainter

BY ARTHUR A. GREENE. WHEN Clyde Fitch has been dead 50 years, students of dramatic literature will probably have forgotten the purport and text of all his numerous contributions save one. "The Climbers" will then survive because it has been the fittest. Fitch is the most industrious writer for the stage of our time. Much of his work has been forgotten, but "The Climbers" is a vital document that reflects certain phases of our complex civilization so sincerely that it foregoes recognition and fixes its permanence as a drama.

The play is now generally familiar everywhere in this country. It has been seen here on several occasions, some of them at the Baker yesterday afternoon and night. It is a large order for a company of stock players, the most difficult of the Baker Company has undertaken in a season, and to the everlasting credit of all concerned it can be truthfully said to be one of the most acceptably performed. It requires some technical knowledge of the stage to appreciate the difficulty of the job both from the side of those concerned with the production alone, and the actors. Appreciating every one of the difficulties a spectator would agree that it is nothing short of an achievement.

Isetta Jewel could have asked nothing better in the shape of occasions for her return to Portland than the auspicious one of yesterday. Given a part which she plays excellently well, even remembering Amelia Binham, an audience which elbowed for standing-room, a sufficient quantity of flowers passed over the footlights to stock a florist shop, and a veritable salvo of applause on her first entrance, the vivacious young leading woman had no right to be anything else than happy.

I'm inclined to the opinion that although not so conspicuous as some, George Allison's performance of Stirling is the most artistic thing he has done during his present engagement. It may be charged against him that in that typically Fitchian situation, when the stage becomes a black confessional and he tells of his sins, the story is a bit too glib. There should have been more hesitation, more uncertainty in his reading of the lines. Barring this, however, he was always in the picture, always probable.

That decidedly difficult role of Warden was admirably handled by Donald Bowles. James Gleason played Mason exceptionally. Howard Russell illuminated Trotter without making him quite too broadly impossible. The Miss Godesby of the author's ideal was one of the big factors in the piece. She is one of the representative types and no part for a com-

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monplace actress. Louise Kent may therefore flatter herself that she is contributing very largely to the success of the performance by her admirable handling of the part. Elsie Garrett has a more important assignment than usual and displays full capacity for it. The other parts are well sustained down to and including the bits. There have never been so many handsome gowns on that stage. Where the ladies of the company got them I've no idea. The popular theory that actors and actresses are very rich must be true. At all events it is just a little the finest display sartorial that has been pulled off in a theatrical way here in a blue moon. This applies particularly to the things worn by Miss Jewel and Miss Kent, though all of them came within the line of awards. You may go to "The Climbers" with confidence.

"THE BATHING GIRLS" AT THE STAR

THE second week of the Armstrong Company's Summer engagement at the Star opened yesterday afternoon, the offering being a combination of vaudeville and musical skit which proved highly to the liking of the large audience which saw it. The vaudeville turns were the "Mysterious Musical Benefits," something of a novelty in that it is a black-art musical number, and the "Musical Belboys," a singing and dancing act.

The musical comedy is "The Bathing Girls" in which are the entire Armstrong Company, including a sprightly chorus. The scene of the comedy is naturally at a seashore place and the principal fun makers are the Armstrong brothers. One appears as a fresh belbo and the other as a humorous Irish porter. Barney Williams gets a good many laughs as the German landlord, Magdaline Holly plays Sarah Heartburn, an actress, and Ethel Davis is seen as the soubrette. Among the song numbers were: "They Say He Went to College," "So Long, Mary," "The Bathing Girls" and "Let Me Go Back."

The same bill will be continued through the week, with the difference that new vaudeville acts will be put on tomorrow afternoon. Grease paints and professionals' supplies at Woodard, Clarke & Co.

A Letter From the State Insurance Commissioner of Deep Interest to Every Oregonian

F. W. BENSON, SECRETARY OF STATE. STATE OF OREGON, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, SALEM.

May 2, 1908

Mr. L. Samuel, General Manager, Oregon Life Insurance Company, Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir: Under date of April 16th, Mr. Paul L. Woolston, Consulting Actuary, was engaged by me to make an official examination of the books, papers, affairs and property of the Oregon Life Insurance Company, in order to determine the financial condition and ability of the company to fulfil its engagements and to ascertain whether it has complied with all the requirements of the laws of Oregon relating to the transaction of life insurance business, and under date of April 23, 1908, he transmitted to me his report covering his investigations, a copy of which is inclosed for your information.

From an examination of the report submitted, setting forth in detail the examination made by Mr. Woolston, the company appears to have complied with all the statutes of the State regulating the business of life insurance; that its capital stock is unimpaired; that its loans are amply secured by real estate of more than the value provided by statute; that the required legal reserve for all its policies has been provided for; that its policy forms are equitable and liberal and that the rights of its policy holders have been equitably preserved.

Very respectfully, F. W. Benson, Secretary of State and Ex-officio Insurance Commissioner.

The examination of Oregon Life and the report above referred to covers every transaction and the valuation of every policy from the organization of the company. The report, now a public document, is open for inspection at the State Department at Salem. The copy transmitted by Secretary Benson is on file at the office of Oregon Life, Corbett Building, Portland, Oregon. The public is respectfully invited to examine it. We feel proud of it. It enables us to say more emphatically than ever before—Oregon Life is best for Oregonians.

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