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HEILIG THEATER (Fourth and Wash- ington)—At 8:15 tonight, Francis Wilson in the comedy, "When Knights Were Bold."
STAR THEATER—(Park and Washington) The Allen Stock Company in "Nell O'Grady" tonight at 8:15. Matinee Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 2:15.

PREPARATIONS FOR BANQUET.—Preparations are being made for a banquet on the night of Tuesday, May 26, at the Sargent Hotel, Grand and Hawthorne avenues, by the United East Side push clubs. It is proposed as far as possible that the clubs attending should come in groups and wear some badge by which they can be identified and be seated at the table in groups.

MISSER CAR STEP AND FALLS.—Fred Marquam, a painter, living at 24 Seventh street, attempted to board a rapidly moving "S" car on the street car tracks at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and missed his footing on the car steps and fell heavily to the ground. He was picked up by the car crew and hurried to the Good Samaritan Hospital, where it was found he was not seriously hurt.

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SUNDAY CONCERT AT HEILIG BY SPITZNER PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY
BY J. M. QUENTIN.
HAPPY sounds floated out of the Heilig Theater yesterday afternoon for two hours, making the raindrops ashamed of themselves. It seemed as if careful after careful of singing canaries had been let loose, to sing a violin chorus would dominate, and then would come the throb, throb of the double basses, succeeded by the military crash of the brasses and drums.

THE AUCTION SALE of the estate of A. N. Wright, "The Iowa Jeweler," 28 Morrison street, will open Tuesday at 2:30 P. M. This entire stock of jewelry, silverware, cutlery and umbrellas will be closed out. Two sales daily, 2:30 and 7:30 P. M. Remember the date and hour.

YOUNG MEN'S CARNIVAL, Morris street and Williams avenue, opens tonight at 7 o'clock. Big attractions. Everything under cover.
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FOR RENT—A few nice offices in The Oregonian building, See Superintendent, room 31.
Dr. E. C. Brown, Eye, Ear, and Surgen.

ROSE CITY PARK LEAGUE—The Rose City Park Improvement League will hold its regular bi-weekly meeting at the Alameda schoolhouse, tonight. The special committee on through streets to the Country Club will make its report on the result of the canvass made for signatures to initiate this improvement. The street-car situation will also be discussed for the reason that Rose City Park residents are extremely anxious to know whether the street railway intends to loop its line around to the Country Club or double-track on Sandy Road, or both, this Summer. The committee in charge of arranging for entering a floral float in one of the Festival parades will also report. The league will probably enter three decorated automobiles.

CLUB'S NEW QUARTERS OPEN.—Workmen were busy engaged at the Commercial Club yesterday night getting the kitchen and banquet-room prepared for use today in serving lunch. Steward Mack and his corps of assistants expected late last night to be in readiness for the noon meal today. Very few of the officers of the organization appeared at the rooms yesterday for the reason that the officers are not ready, and other members kept away knowing the rooms would not be in shape for entertainment. Several days will elapse before members can again feel at home in the club, but the final touches are being given to the new quarters as rapidly as possible.

WILL PREPARE FLOAT.—Members of the committee from the Sunnyside Push Club, appointed to prepare a float for the Rose Festival, will meet next Wednesday night at the home of T. J. Wilson, 24 East Twenty-eighth street, to adopt plans. In a general way, the design suggested is a mound of roses. The float will carry six girls who will distribute roses during the parade.

BLIGHT DAMAGED BY FIRE.—A carelessly thrown match set fire to the bedding in a room at 601 Second street about 8 o'clock last night, but the blaze was extinguished with but slight damage. Engine company No. 5 responded promptly to an alarm and by the use of an extinguisher quenched the flames.

SUBWAY IS LIVE SUBJECT

East Side Much Interested in River Crossings.
The question of bridges or subways to cross the Willamette River is a live one on the East Side. There is a wide divergence of opinion on the subject. The United East Side Clubs favor building a new Madison bridge on the present location, but making the West Side landing on Jefferson street, in order to bring the bridge at right angles with the current. The Peninsula Development League, which represents nine clubs in the northern part of the city, favors moving the Madison bridge to East Mill and Second and Clay and Front streets. This league will come before the United East Side Push Clubs May 12 with a demand that that body favor this location.

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"Secret Service" at The Baker Theater

Cast:
Brigadier-General Nelson Randolph.....Lewis Mumford.....William Gleason
Lieutenant Colonel.....George Alston
Henry Dumont.....Donald Bowles
Benton Arriefford.....Robert Homans
Lieutenant Allison.....Fred Saunders
Wildred Varney.....Charles W. Russell
Sergeant Wilson.....R. E. Bradbury
Lieutenant Maxwell.....Earl D. Dewie
Lieutenant Foray.....James Gleason
Edith Varney.....Leta Jewel
Caroline Mitchell.....Leta Jewel
Miss Kittridge.....Leta Jewel
Edginger.....Charles Walton
Jones.....William Wolbert
Mrs. General Varney.....
Martha.....Miss Louise Kent

BY ARTHUR A. GREENE
THE perfumes of lavender hangs around "Secret Service." It is almost as if one opened a long forgotten package case in the street and brought to light again the quaint finery, the old daguerotypes and myriad memories of the heroic days which they have held jealously through all these long, long years. The bellies and the beaus that were gay the eve before Sumpter are gray now and their youth is buried in that lavender-scented memory-box. The knights who rode with Sheridan or Stuart, alas, how many of them there be of whom we say: "Their bones are dust; Their good swords rust; Their souls are with the saints we trust." Undoubtedly the most romantic epoch in American history is that which covers the years and preceding and during the progress of the Civil War. It will some day be a veritable Golconda to the novelist and playwright. To be sure much of it has already been written concerning the period, but we are still too near it fully to catch the sheen of romance which tradition casts upon the spears of history.

In "Secret Service" however, William Gillette has written one of the most veracious and at the same time interesting and compelling dramas of the concern of a fortunate affair between the North and the South. It is war drama, pretty well expurgated. There is very little of the spectacular in it and its melodramatic moments come in quite naturally.

"The Toreadors," at The Star.
THE "TOREADORS" is the title of the musical potpourri with which the Armstrong Musical Comedy Company opened another week's engagement at the Star Theater, and played to crowded houses at all three performances yesterday.

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LOCAL OPTION PETITIONS

Argument as to Right of Signer to Withdraw Name.
ASTORIA, Or., May 18.—(To the Editor)—In an edition of last Friday's Oregonian under the caption of "Open the Way to Fraud," the action of Judge McBride is criticized in a decision relative to local option petitions in Astoria, wherein the judge decided that a signer of a local option petition had a right to withdraw his name before a final action is taken by the County Court, upon the theory that such action opens the way to fraud.

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